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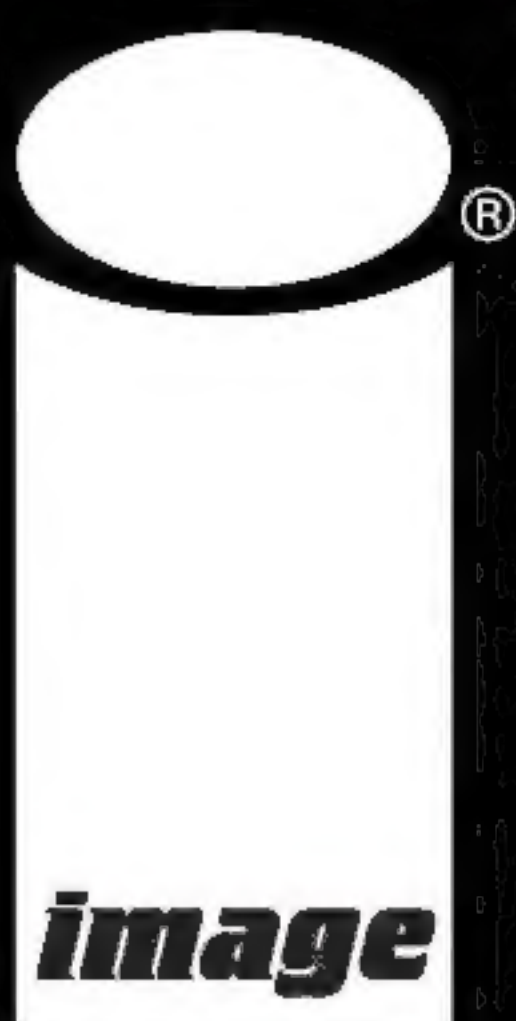


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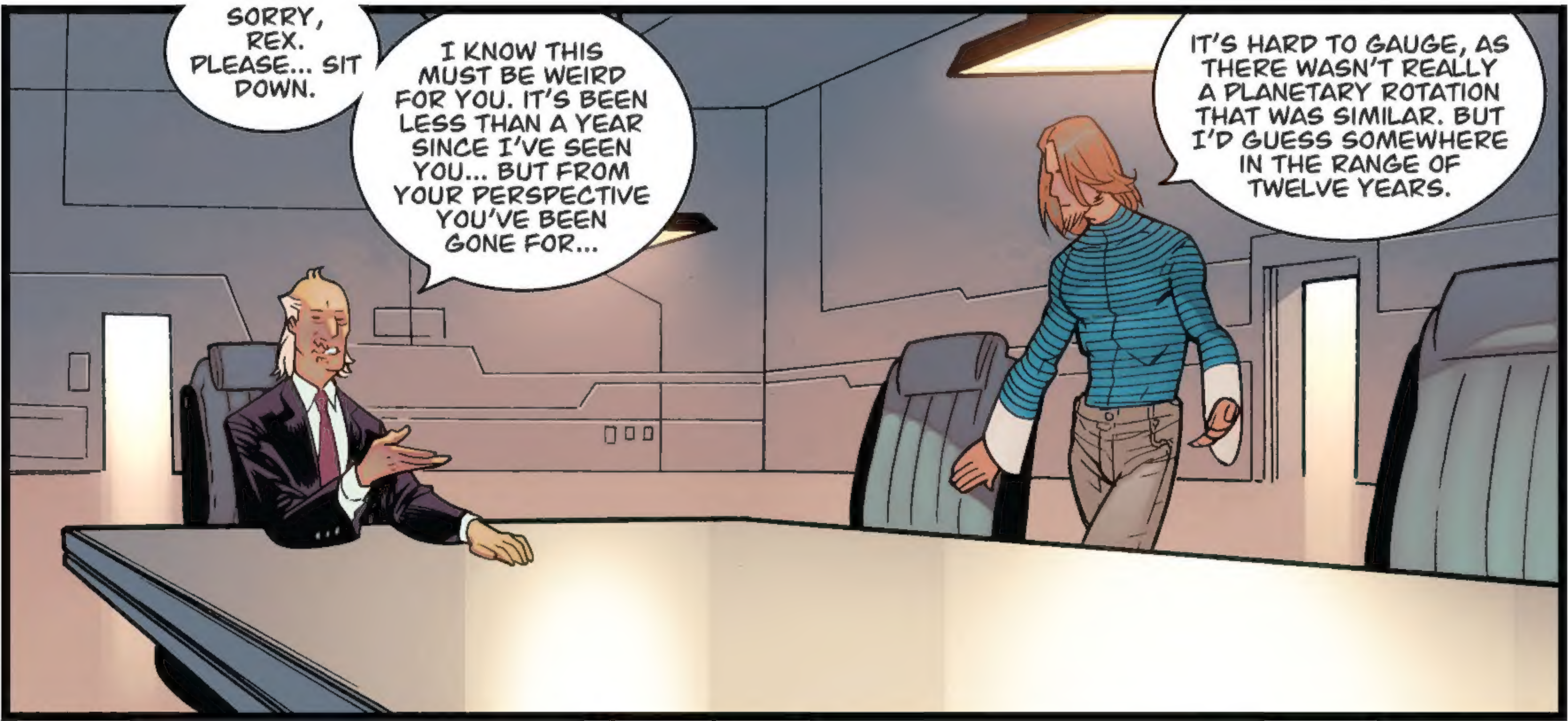
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YOU
WANTED
TO SEE ME,
SIR?

ROBOT,
YES... IT'S
GOOD TO
HAVE YOU
BACK.

REX,
ACTUALLY...
IF YOU
WOULD. I
PREFER
THAT,
NOW.



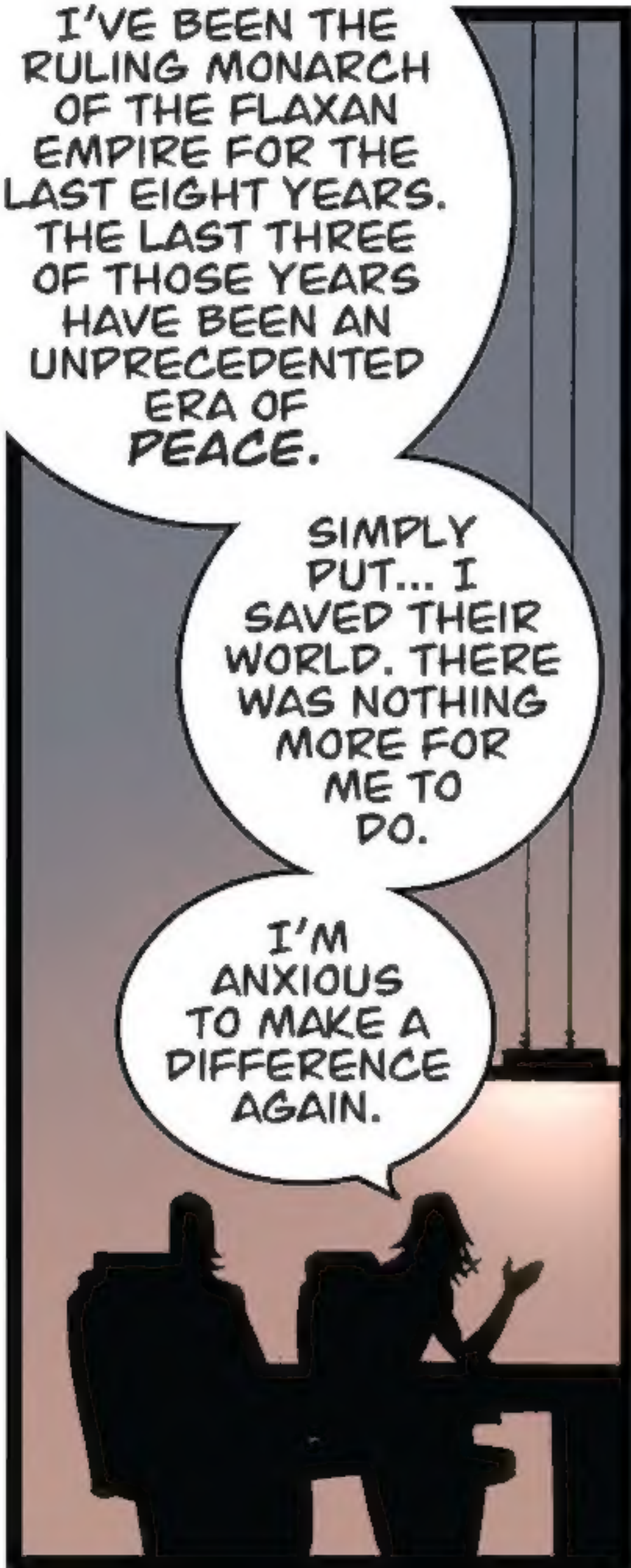
SORRY, REX. PLEASE... SIT DOWN.

I KNOW THIS MUST BE WEIRD FOR YOU. IT'S BEEN LESS THAN A YEAR SINCE I'VE SEEN YOU... BUT FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE YOU'VE BEEN GONE FOR...

IT'S HARD TO GAUGE, AS THERE WASN'T REALLY A PLANETARY ROTATION THAT WAS SIMILAR. BUT I'D GUESS SOMEWHERE IN THE RANGE OF TWELVE YEARS.



I'M TOLD YOU WANT TO JUST DIVE BACK INTO THINGS. YOU'RE READY TO WORK?



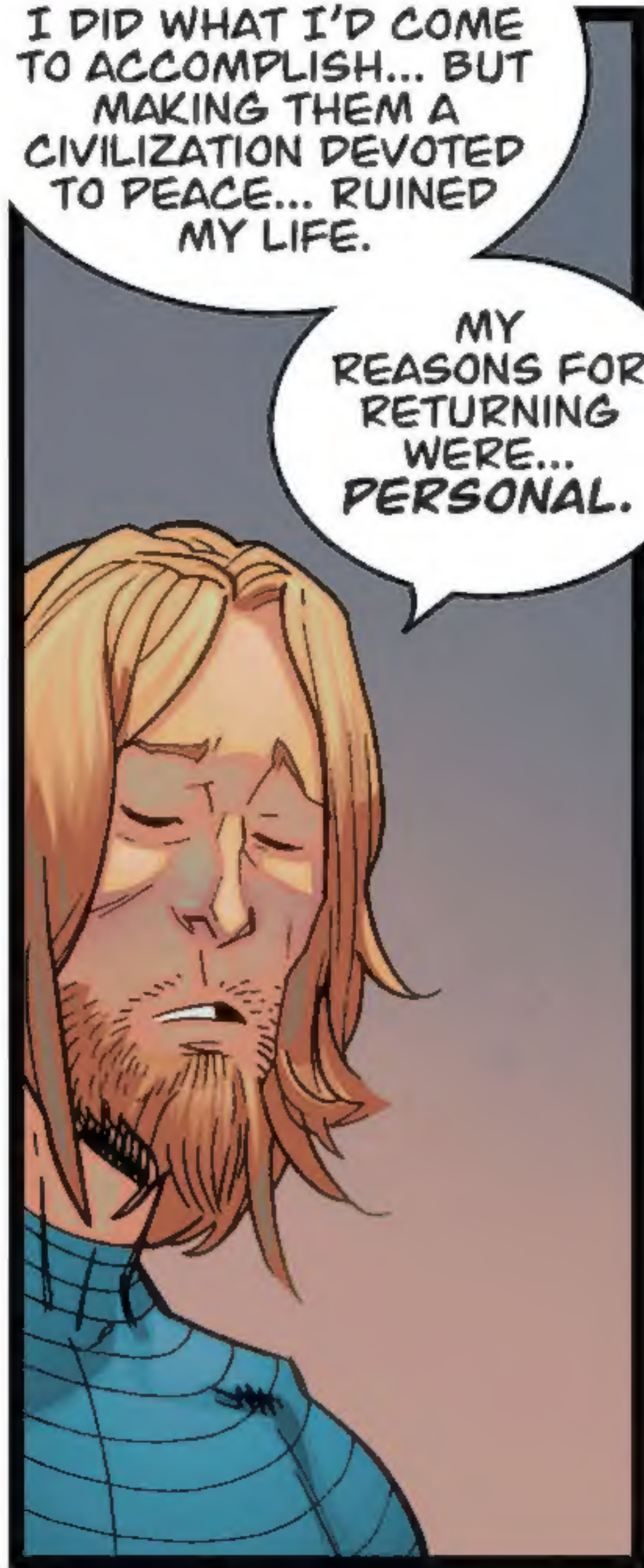
I'VE BEEN THE RULING MONARCH OF THE FLAXAN EMPIRE FOR THE LAST EIGHT YEARS. THE LAST THREE OF THOSE YEARS HAVE BEEN AN UNPRECEDENTED ERA OF PEACE.

SIMPLY PUT... I SAVED THEIR WORLD. THERE WAS NOTHING MORE FOR ME TO DO.

I'M ANXIOUS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AGAIN.



WHY DID YOU COME BACK?

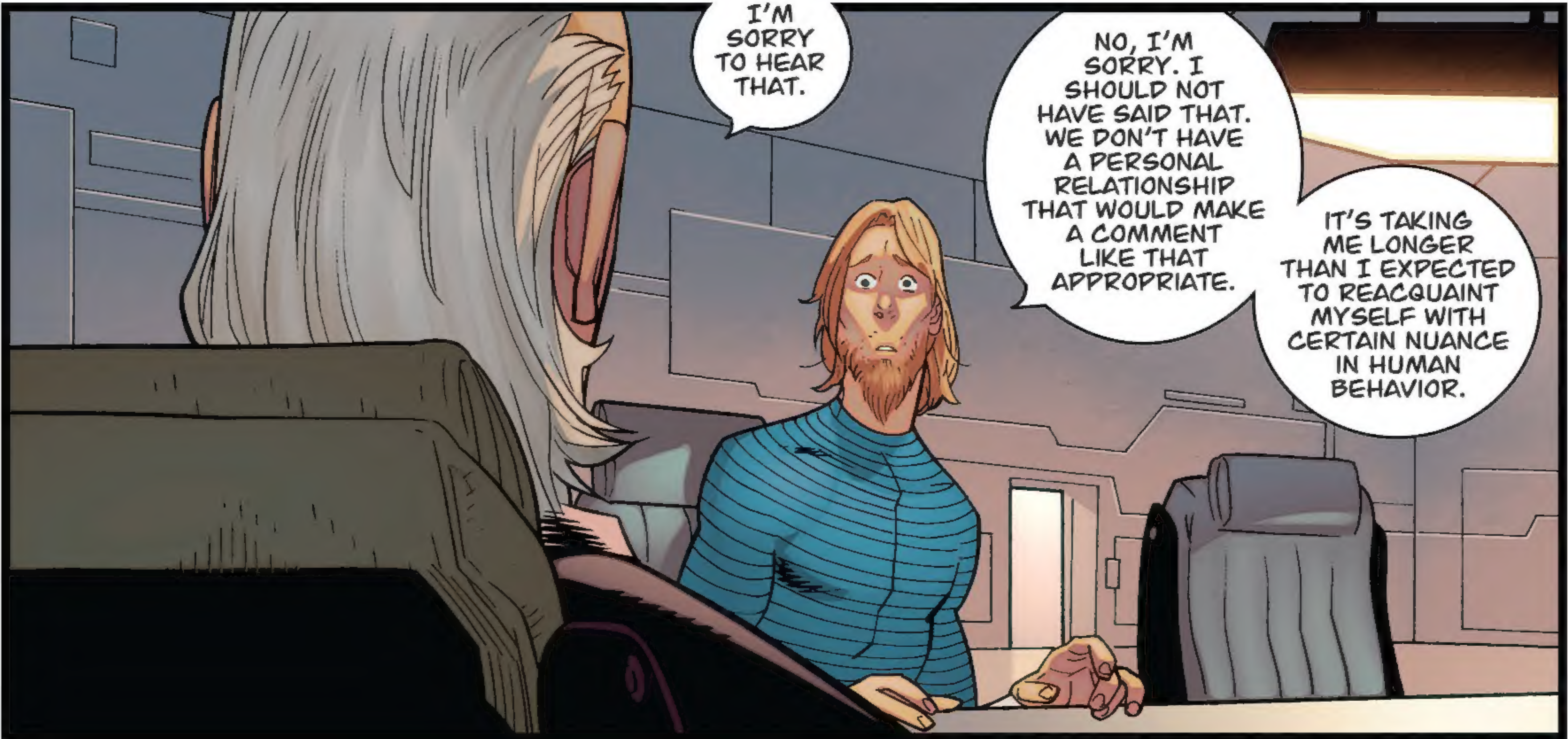


I DID WHAT I'D COME TO ACCOMPLISH... BUT MAKING THEM A CIVILIZATION DEVOTED TO PEACE... RUINED MY LIFE.

MY REASONS FOR RETURNING WERE... PERSONAL.



...



I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT.

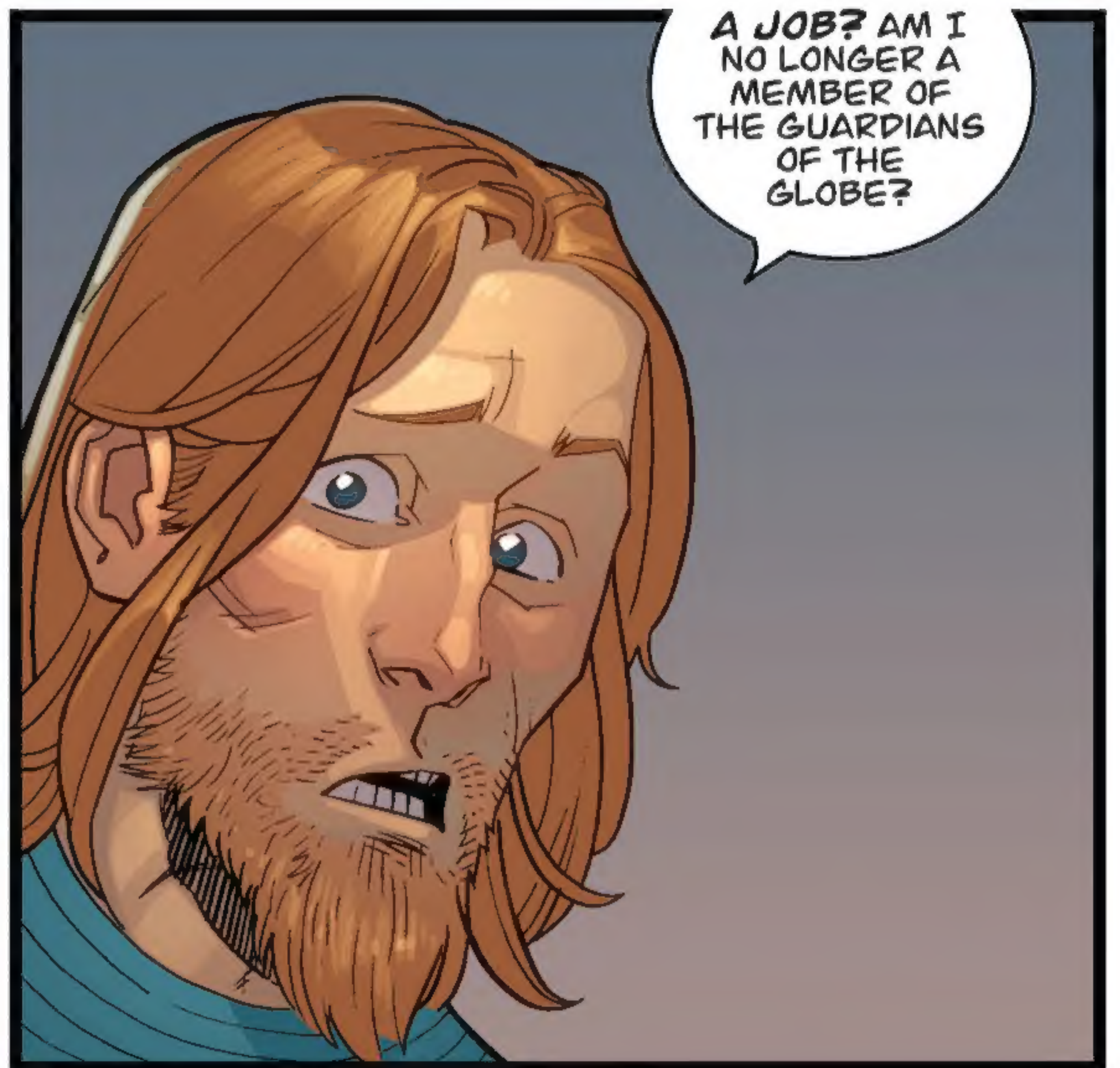
NO, I'M SORRY. I SHOULD NOT HAVE SAID THAT. WE DON'T HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP THAT WOULD MAKE A COMMENT LIKE THAT APPROPRIATE.

IT'S TAKING ME LONGER THAN I EXPECTED TO REACQUAINT MYSELF WITH CERTAIN NUANCE IN HUMAN BEHAVIOR.

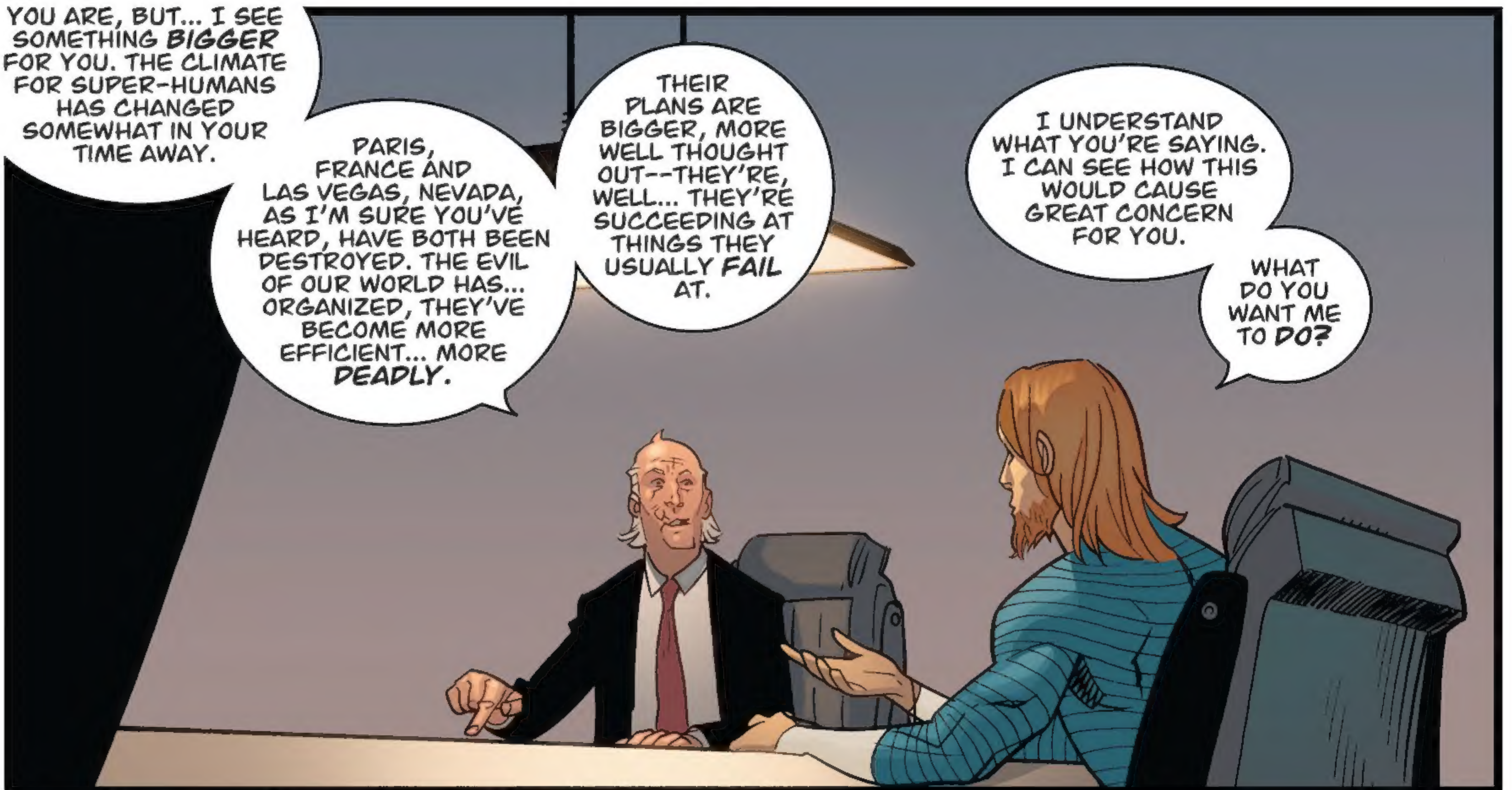


NO, I UNDERSTAND, COMPLETELY, IT'S OKAY... REALLY.

I DON'T WANT TO TAKE UP TOO MUCH OF YOUR TIME, REX. I BROUGHT YOU HERE TO OFFER YOU A JOB.



A JOB? AM I NO LONGER A MEMBER OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE GLOBE?



YOU ARE, BUT... I SEE SOMETHING **BIGGER** FOR YOU. THE CLIMATE FOR SUPER-HUMANS HAS CHANGED SOMEWHAT IN YOUR TIME AWAY.

PARIS, FRANCE AND LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, AS I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD, HAVE BOTH BEEN DESTROYED. THE EVIL OF OUR WORLD HAS... ORGANIZED, THEY'VE BECOME MORE EFFICIENT... MORE DEADLY.

THEIR PLANS ARE BIGGER, MORE WELL THOUGHT OUT--THEY'RE, WELL... THEY'RE SUCCEEDING AT THINGS THEY USUALLY FAIL AT.

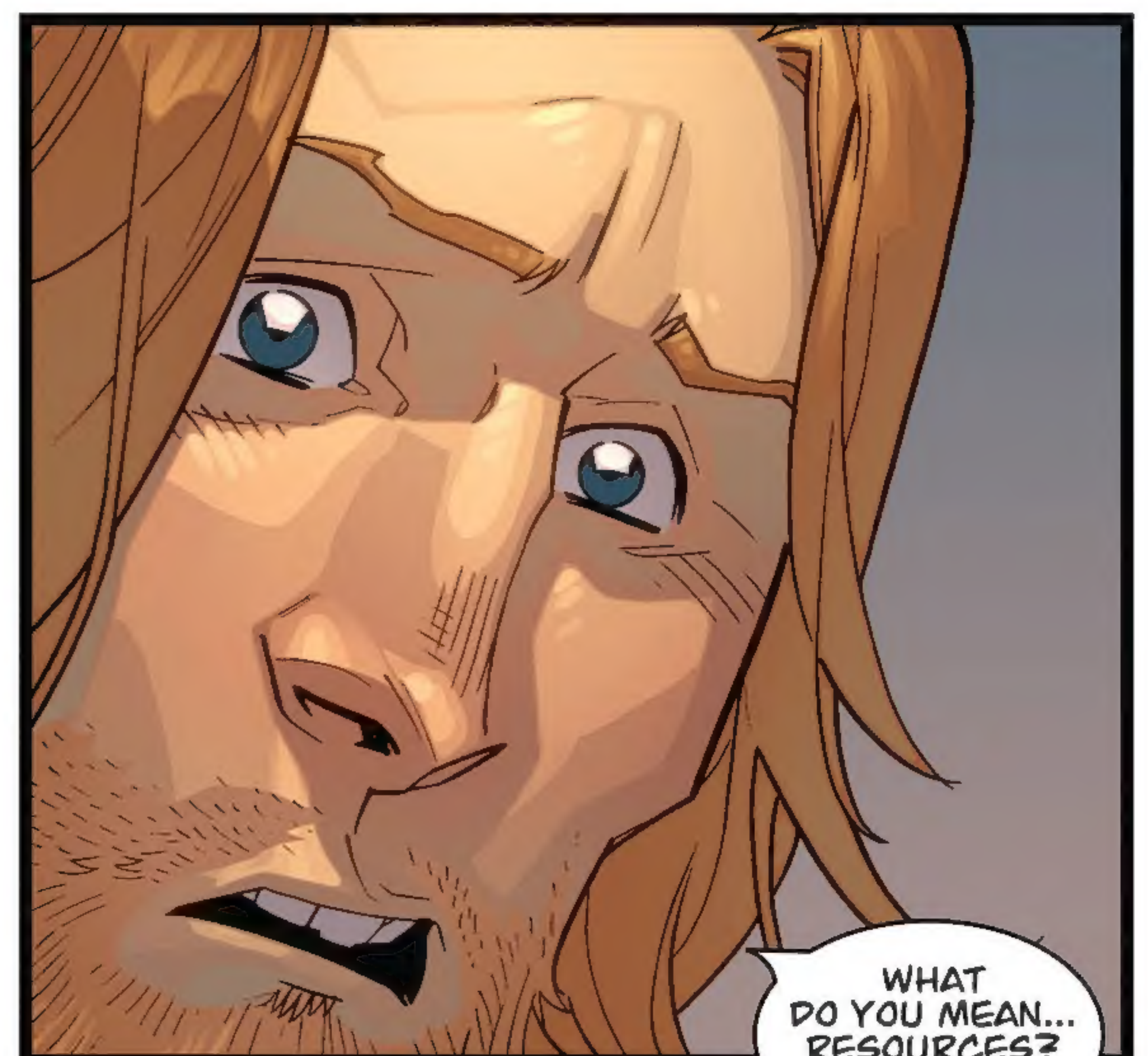
I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. I CAN SEE HOW THIS WOULD CAUSE GREAT CONCERN FOR YOU.

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?



I'M FRUSTRATED, BECAUSE I LOOK AROUND AND I SEE THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO PUT AN END TO ALL THIS, BUT IT'S NOT COMING TOGETHER.

I THINK YOU'RE THE KEY TO CHANGING THAT.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN... RESOURCES?

I'VE GOT ORGANIZED
TEAMS OF HEROES
BY THE DOZENS.
I'VE GOT CAPES,
INCORPORATED.



THE ACTIONEERS.



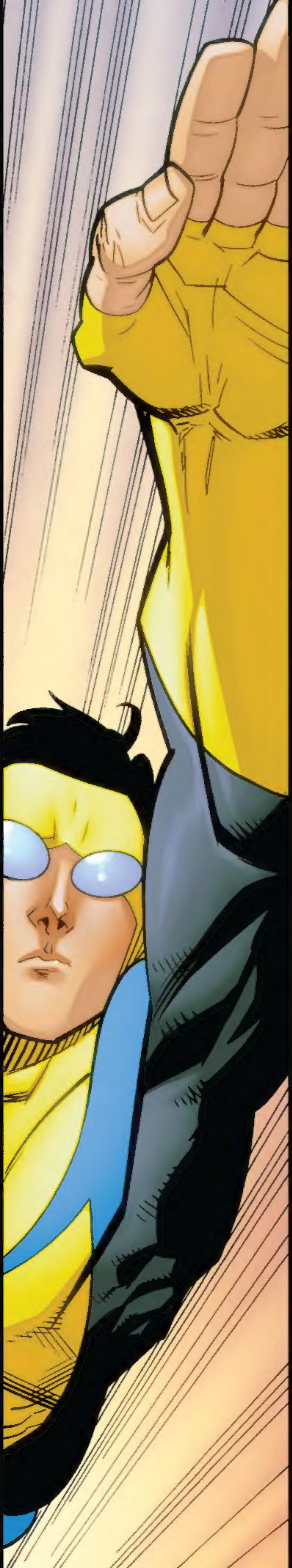
WOLF-MAN
AND THE
WOLF C.O.R.P.S.



TECH JACKET.

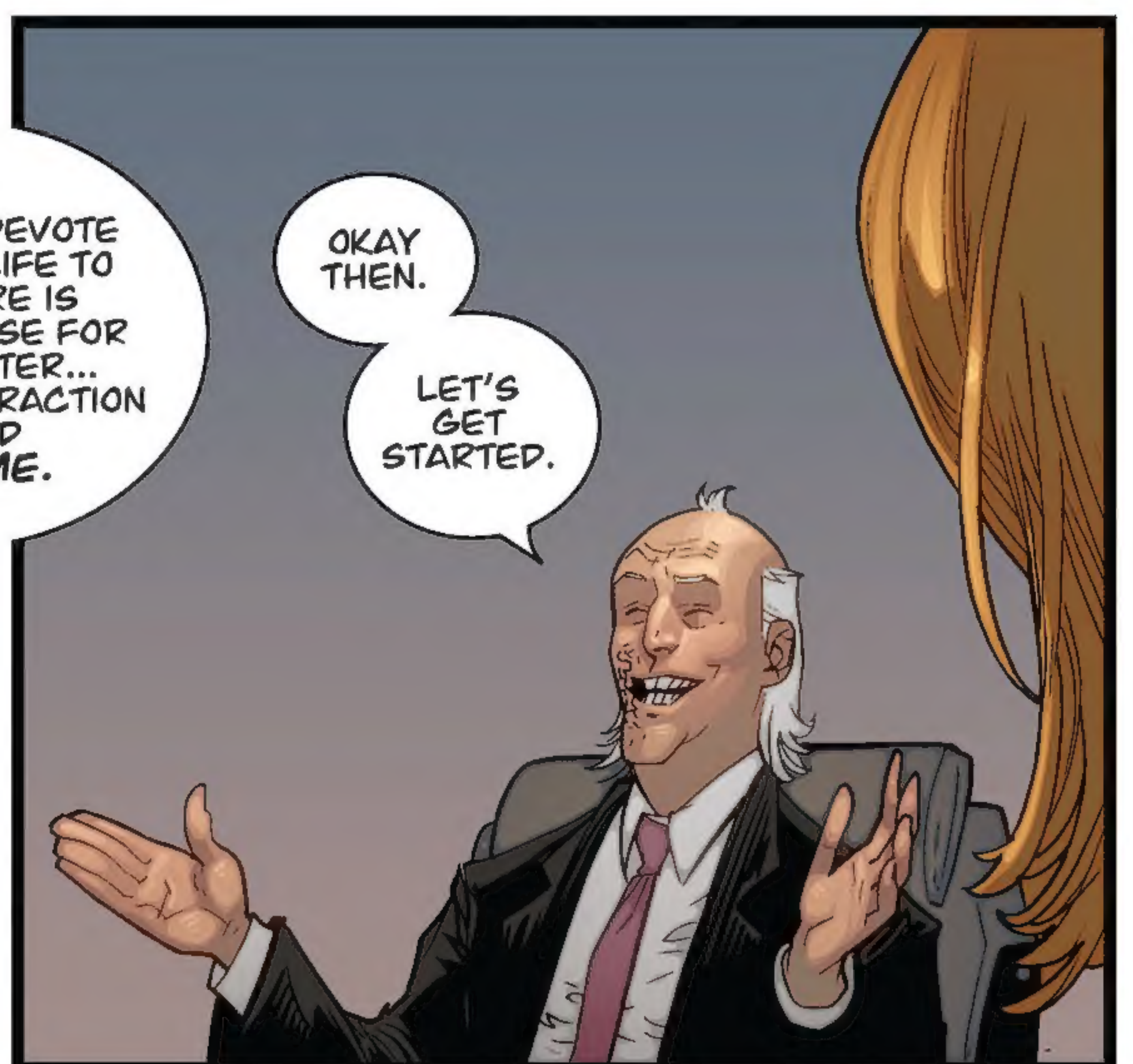
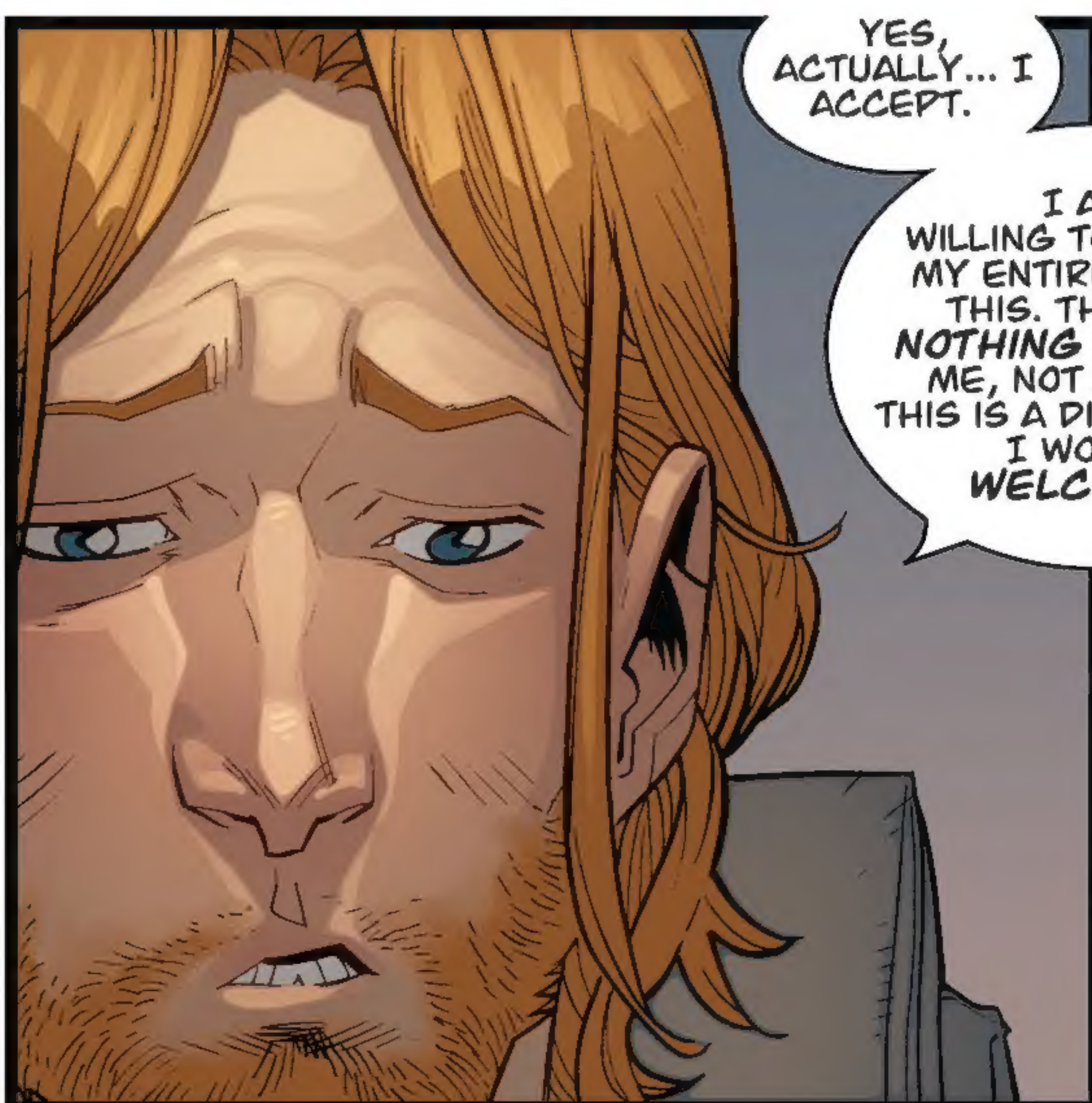
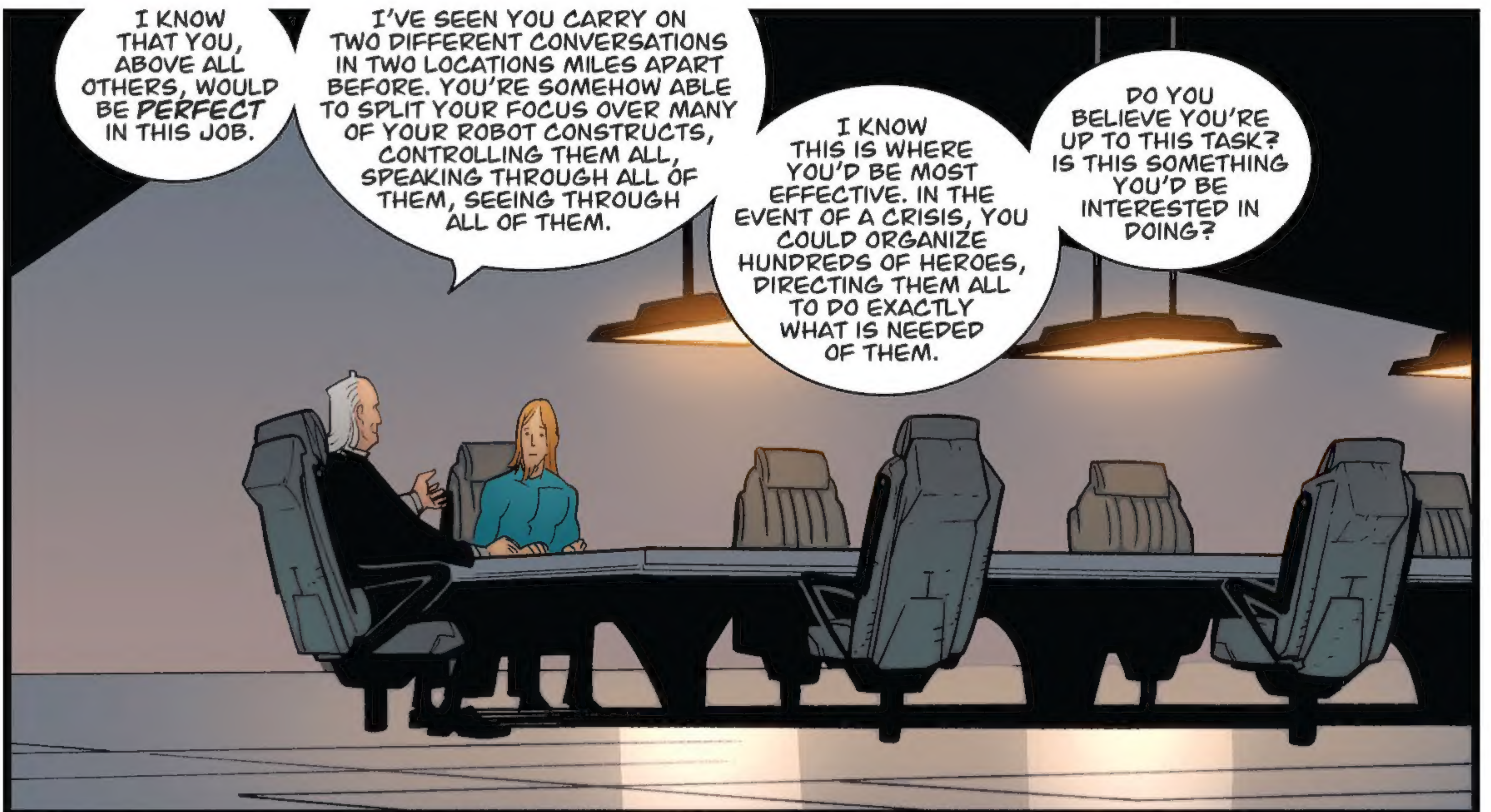
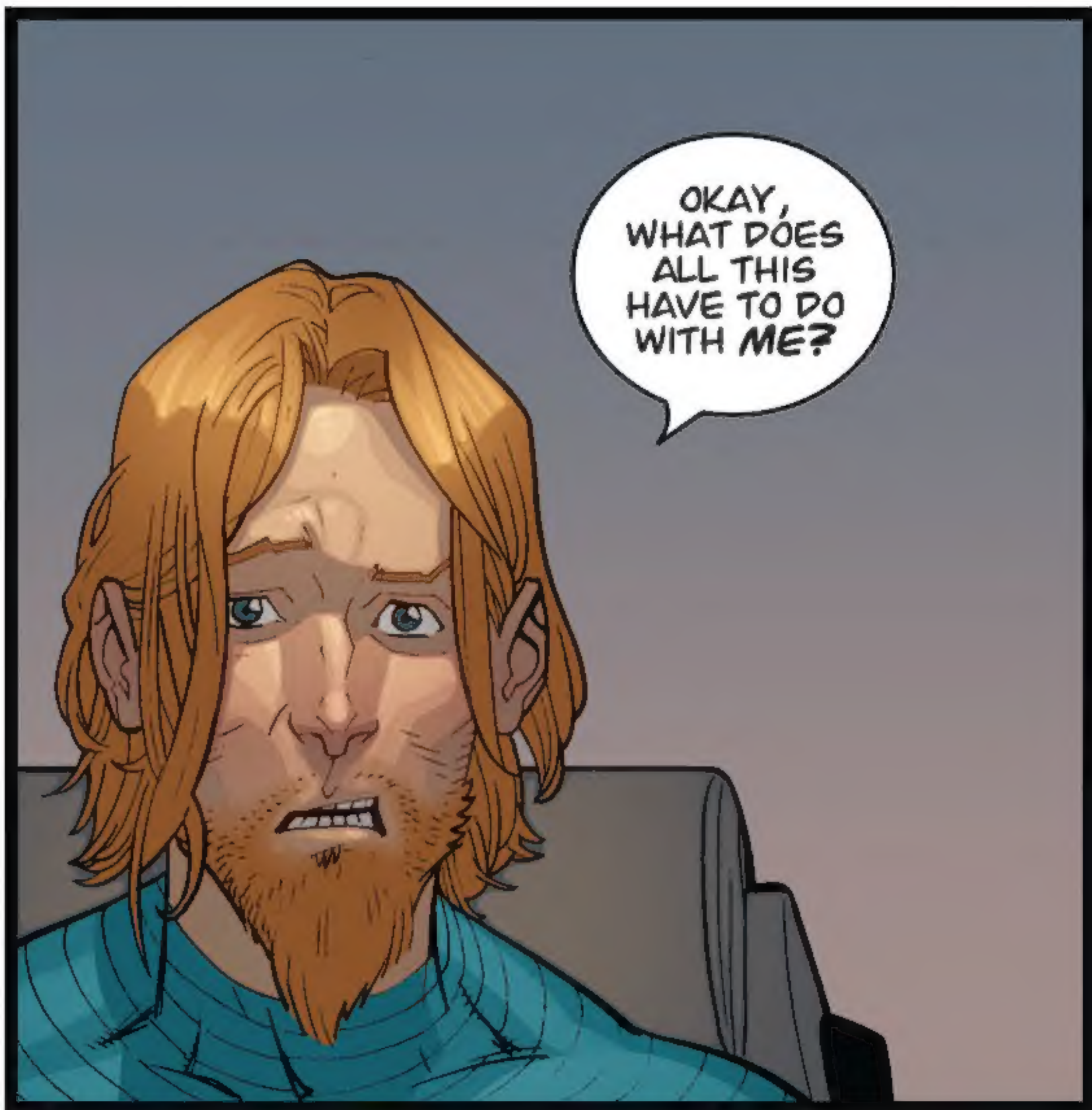


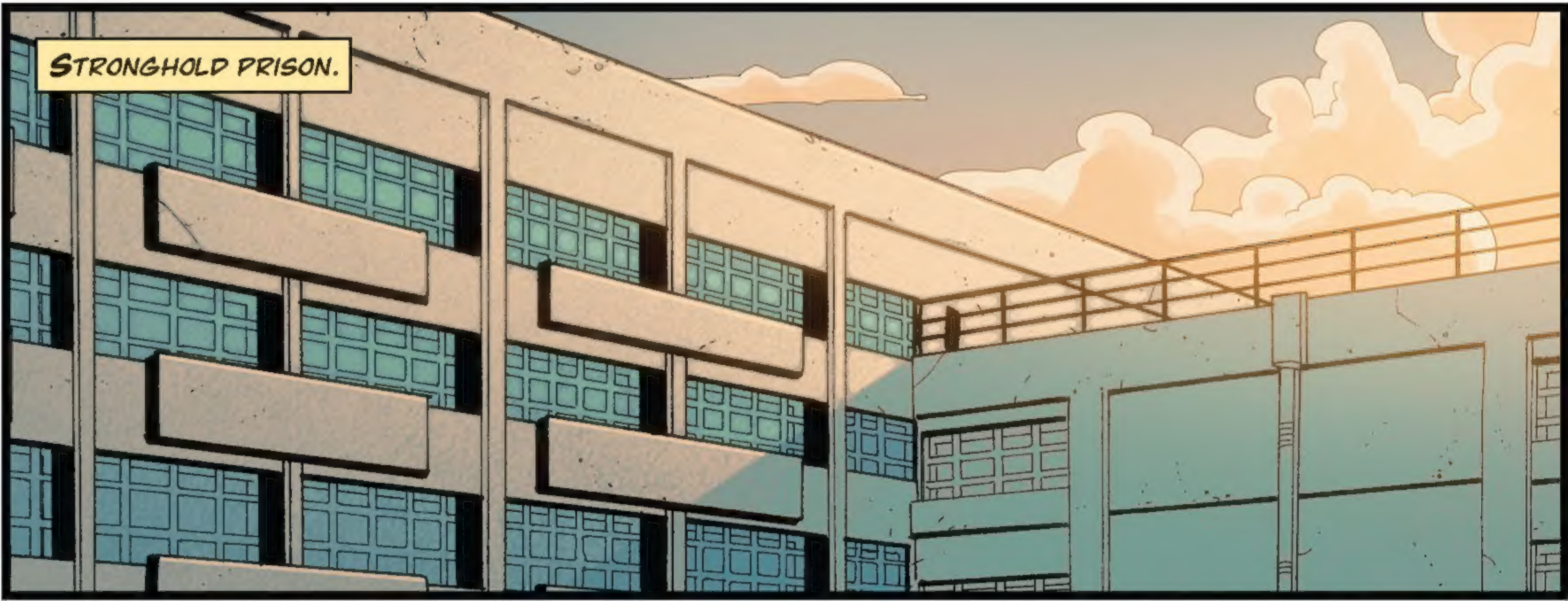
THOUGH HE DOESN'T
DIRECTLY ANSWER
TO ME, THERE'S ALSO
INVINCIBLE.



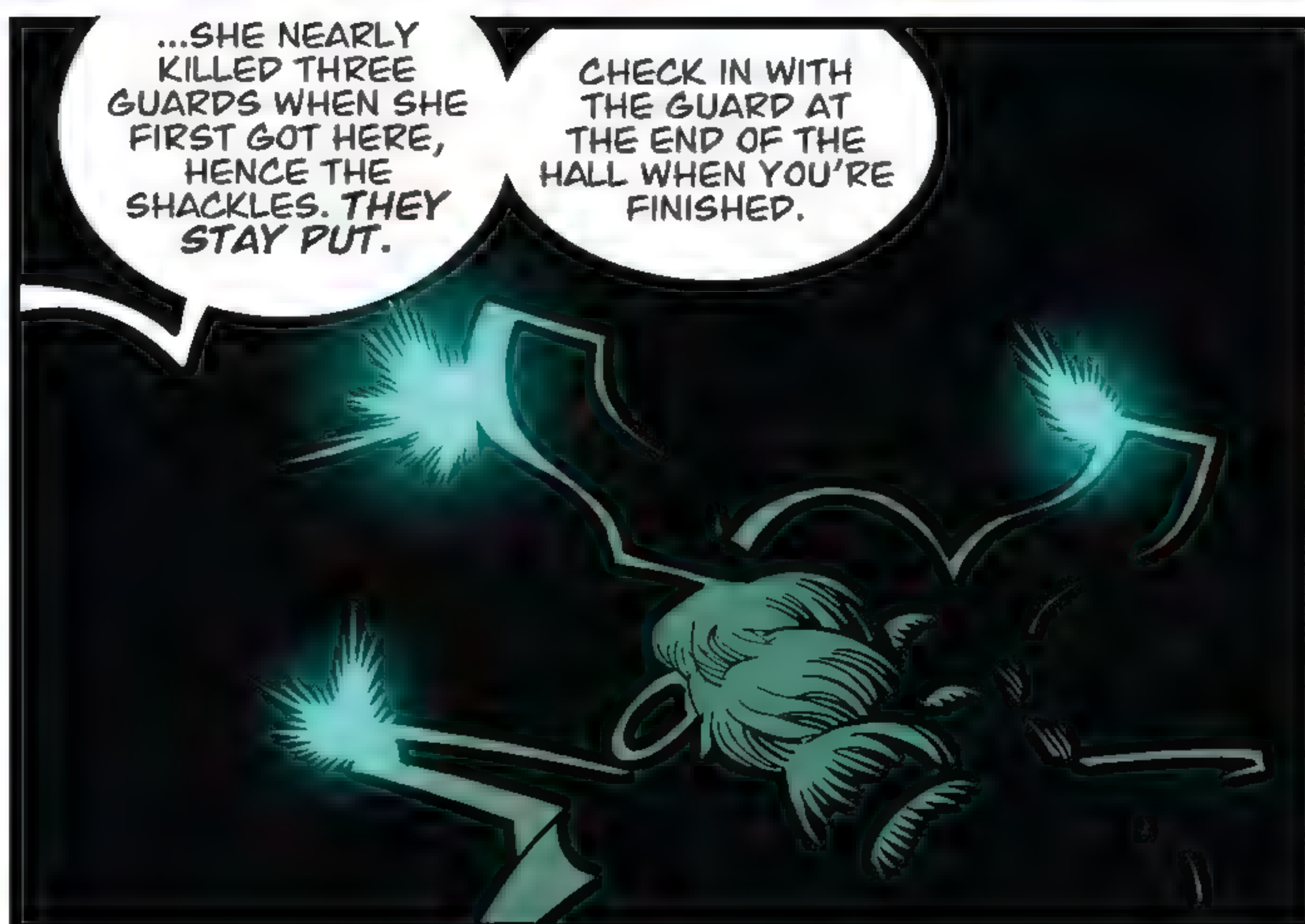
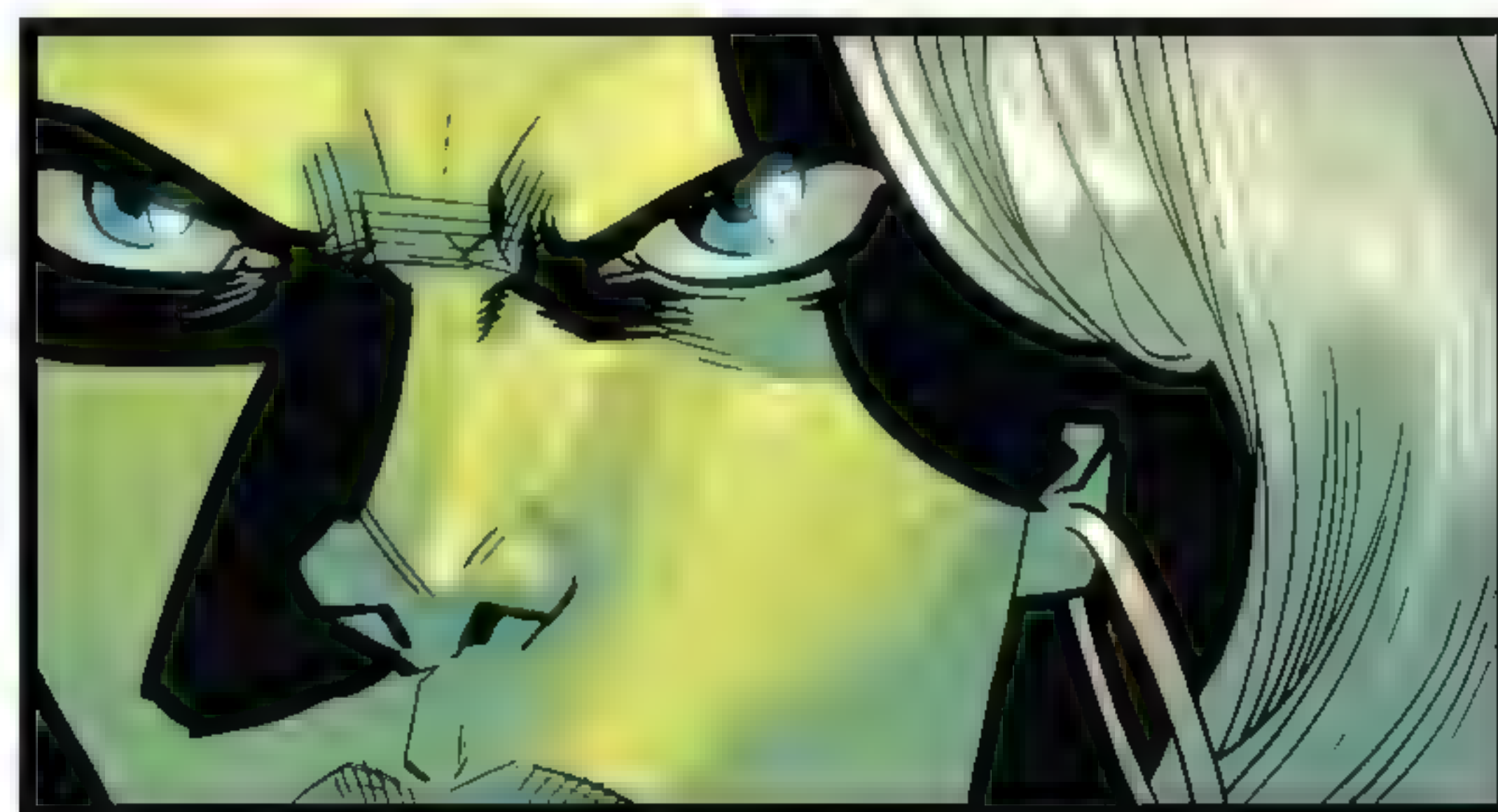
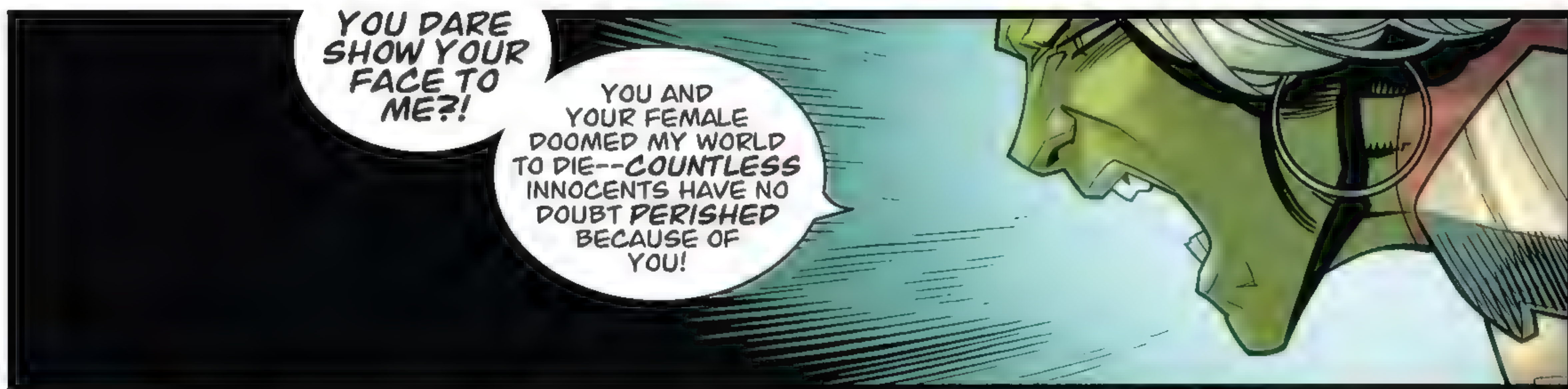
AND THEN THERE'S THE
NEWLY EXPANDED ROSTER
OF THE GUARDIANS
OF THE GLOBE.





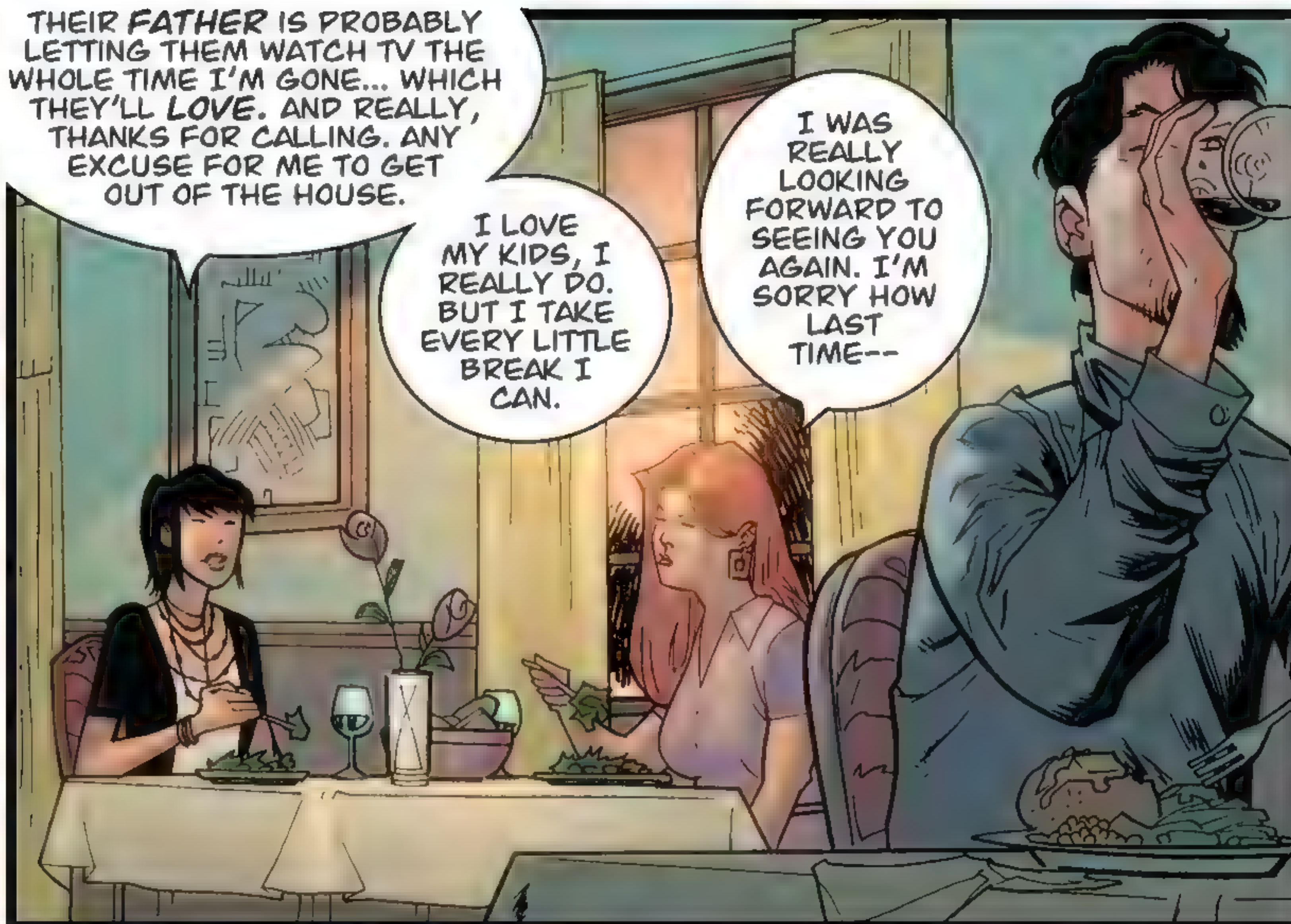








THEIR FATHER IS PROBABLY LETTING THEM WATCH TV THE WHOLE TIME I'M GONE... WHICH THEY'LL LOVE. AND REALLY, THANKS FOR CALLING. ANY EXCUSE FOR ME TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE.



I LOVE MY KIDS, I REALLY DO. BUT I TAKE EVERY LITTLE BREAK I CAN.

I WAS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN. I'M SORRY HOW LAST TIME--

OH, AND SALAD TIME! I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE UNTIL NOW.

YOU LOSING THE WEIGHT FOR MARK NOW THAT HE'S BACK?

BRAVO, GIRL.



MY, GOD--NO. I'M EATING A SALAD BECAUSE I... LIKE SALAD.

AND I DIDN'T GAIN THE WEIGHT FROM OVER-EATING. IT WAS BECAUSE I JUST STOPPED... DOING... ANYTHING WHILE MARK WAS GONE.



I NEVER REALIZED HOW MANY CALORIES USING MY POWERS BURNED. I DIDN'T REALLY DO MUCH OF ANYTHING SUPER-HERO-WISE WHILE MARK WAS GONE.

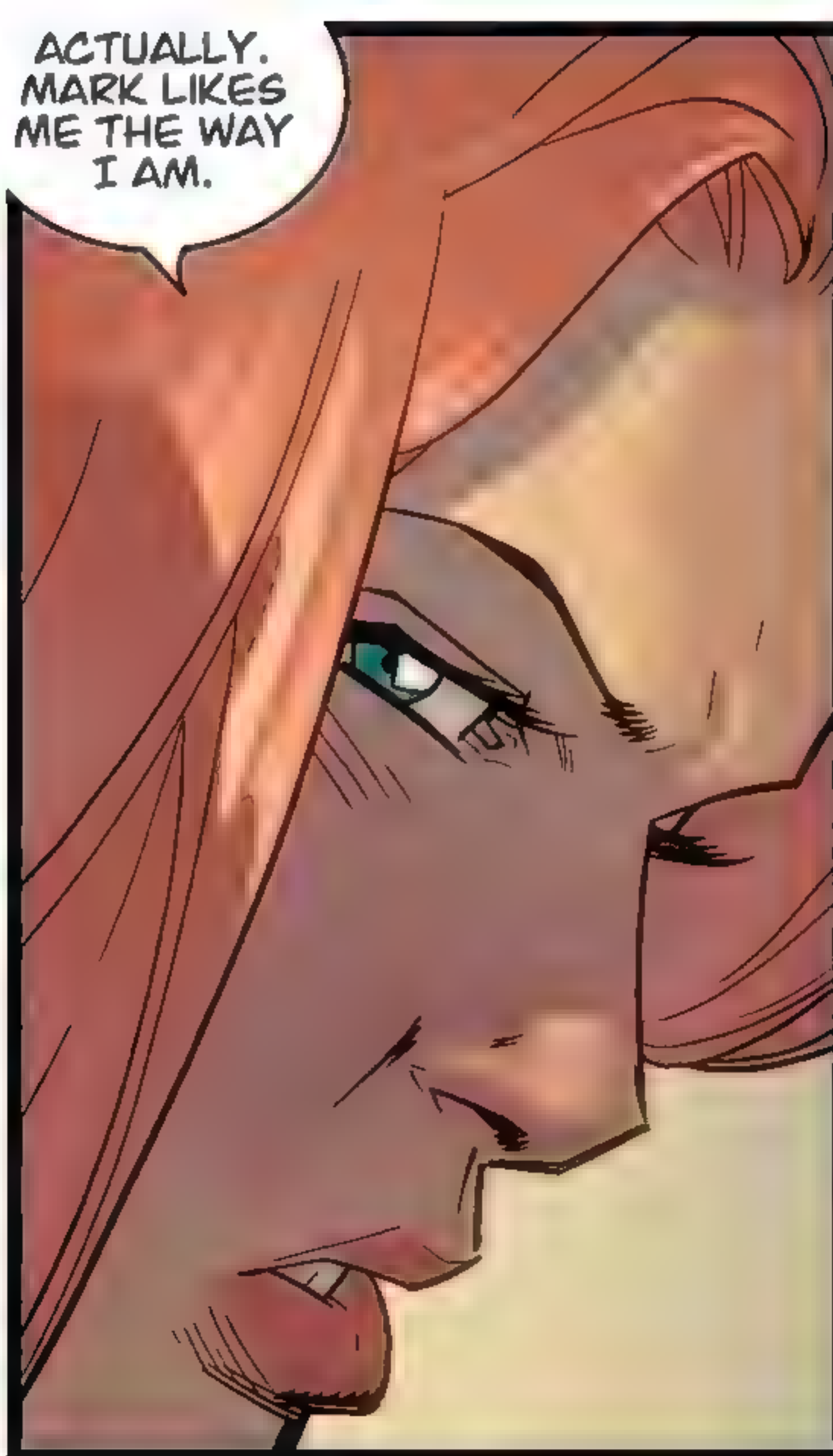
I'M ACTUALLY SLOWLY LOSING WEIGHT NOW THAT I'M BACK IN ACTION FROM TIME TO TIME.



WELL, THEN I BET MARK IS JUST THRILLED.



ACTUALLY. MARK LIKES ME THE WAY I AM.

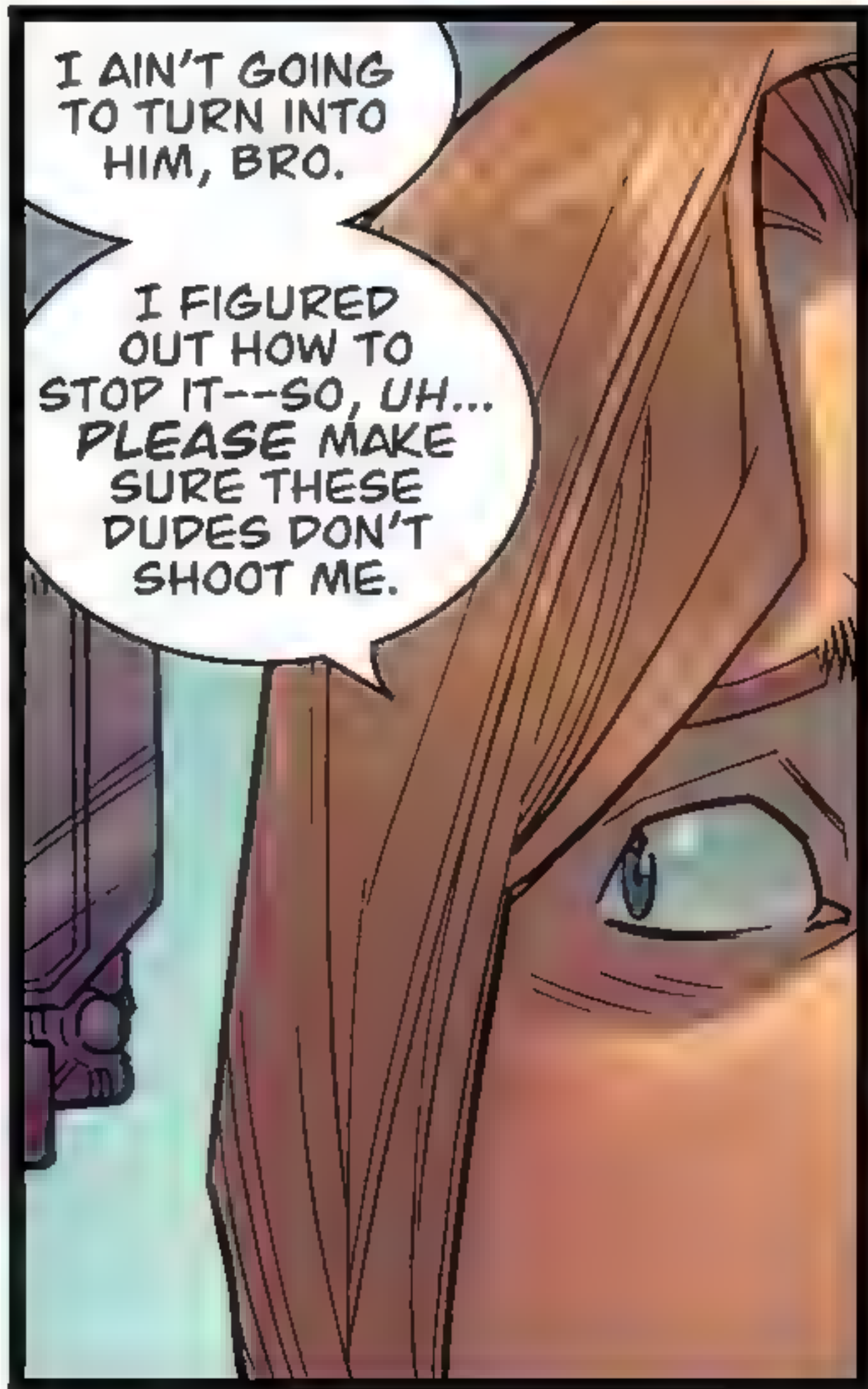
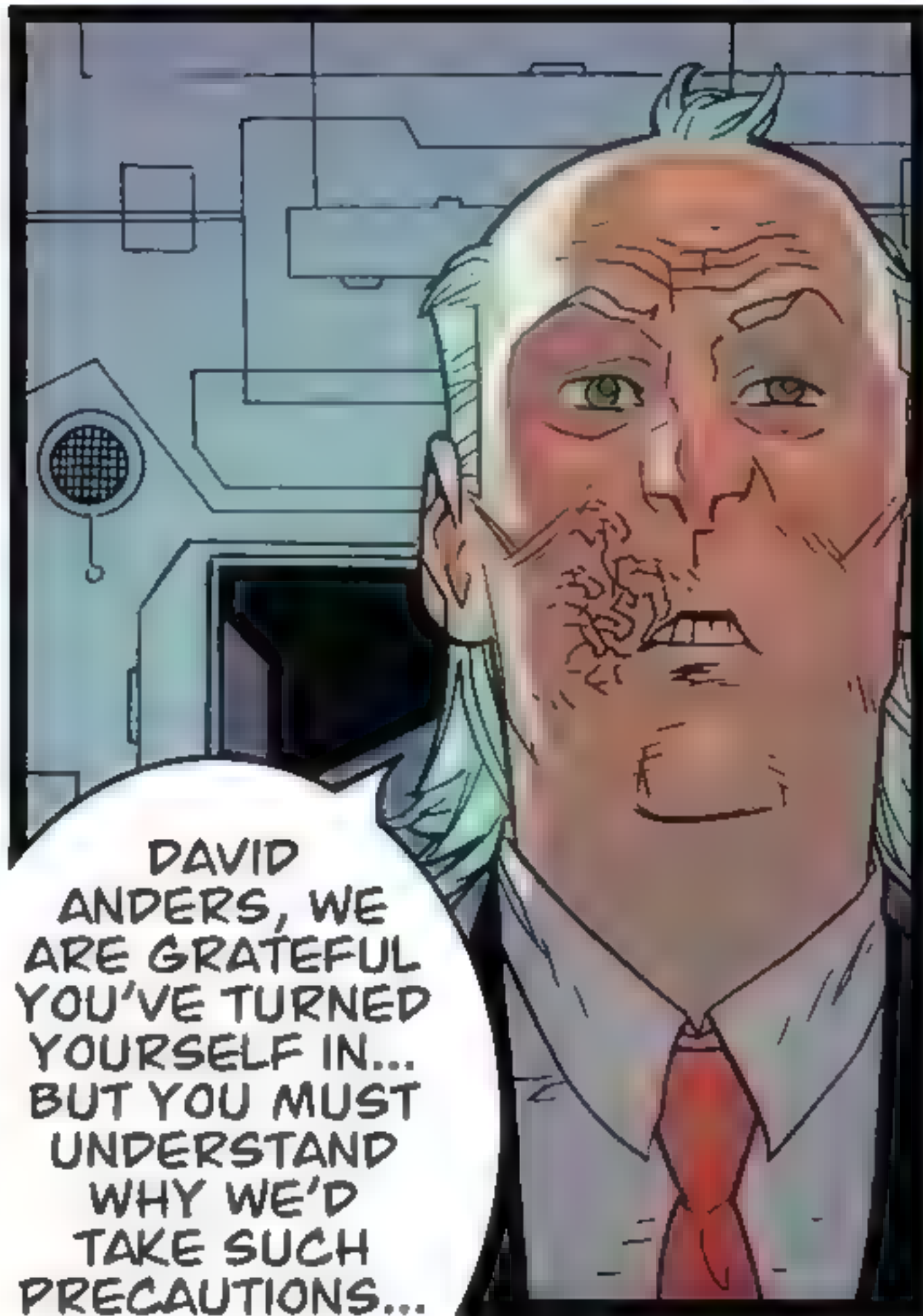
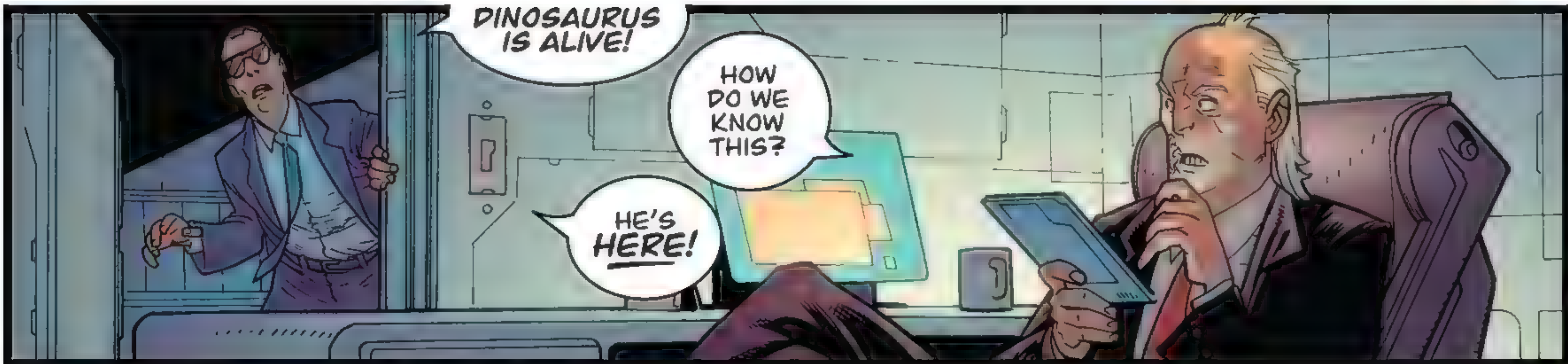
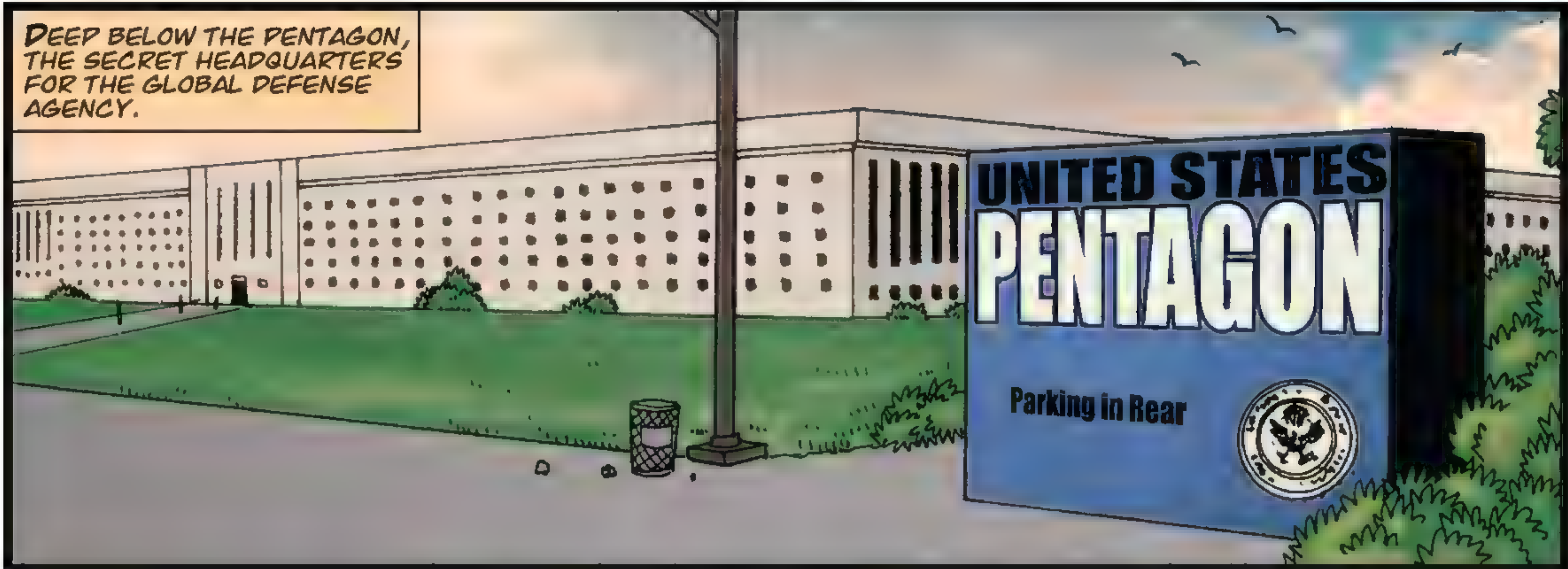


HE DOES?

REALLY?

WEIRD.

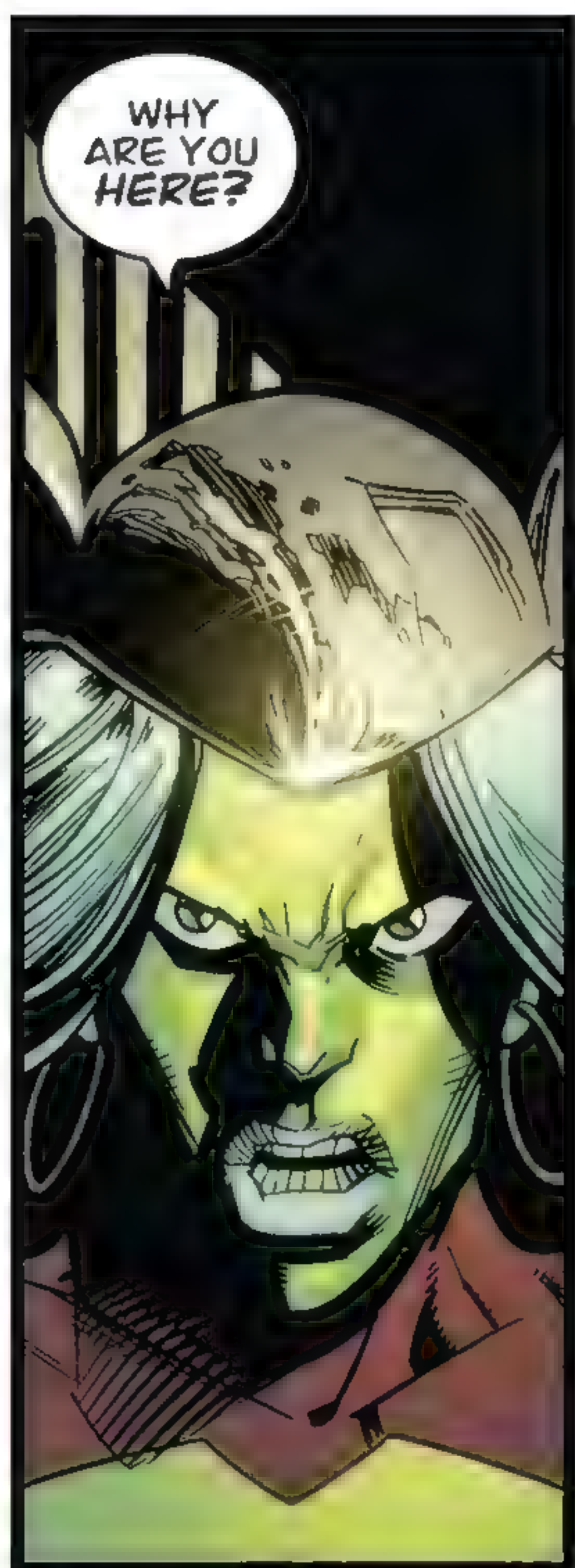




OKAY, FIRST OF ALL,
I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T
REALLY THINK ABOUT
COMING TO SEE YOU
UNTIL RECENTLY.
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO
RETHINK HOW I DO
THINGS A BIT,
BECAUSE I FEEL
LIKE I'M GOING
ABOUT THIS JOB
ALL WRONG
LATELY
AND...

YOU
DON'T
CARE--
SORRY.

I DON'T
WANT TO WASTE
ANY MORE OF
YOUR TIME.



OKAY,
HERE
GOES.

I'LL BE THE
FIRST TO ADMIT
THAT YOU DID
SOME BAD STUFF.
REALLY BAD STUFF.
YOU ALMOST
KILLED A LOT OF
PEOPLE.

BUT I
DON'T KNOW
THAT THE
ANSWER IS
KEEPING YOU
HERE... WHAT
DOES THAT
ACCOMPLISH?

IF CECIL
COULD
HEAR ME
NOW...





OKAY, THE BOTTOM LINE IS THIS, I GET IT--YOUR WORLD IS IN DANGER, IT NEEDS POWER--YOU'VE GOT PEOPLE DYING. YOU'RE DESPERATE.

BUT YOU'RE HERE TO **HELP** PEOPLE, **YOUR** PEOPLE, BUT STILL-- IT COUNTS. WHAT I'M SAYING IS, YOU'RE NOT EVIL.

YOU'RE DESPERATE.



YOU JUST WANT TO SAVE YOUR PLANET... IF YOU COULD DO THAT WITHOUT HURTING ANYONE... YOU'D DO IT, **RIGHT?**



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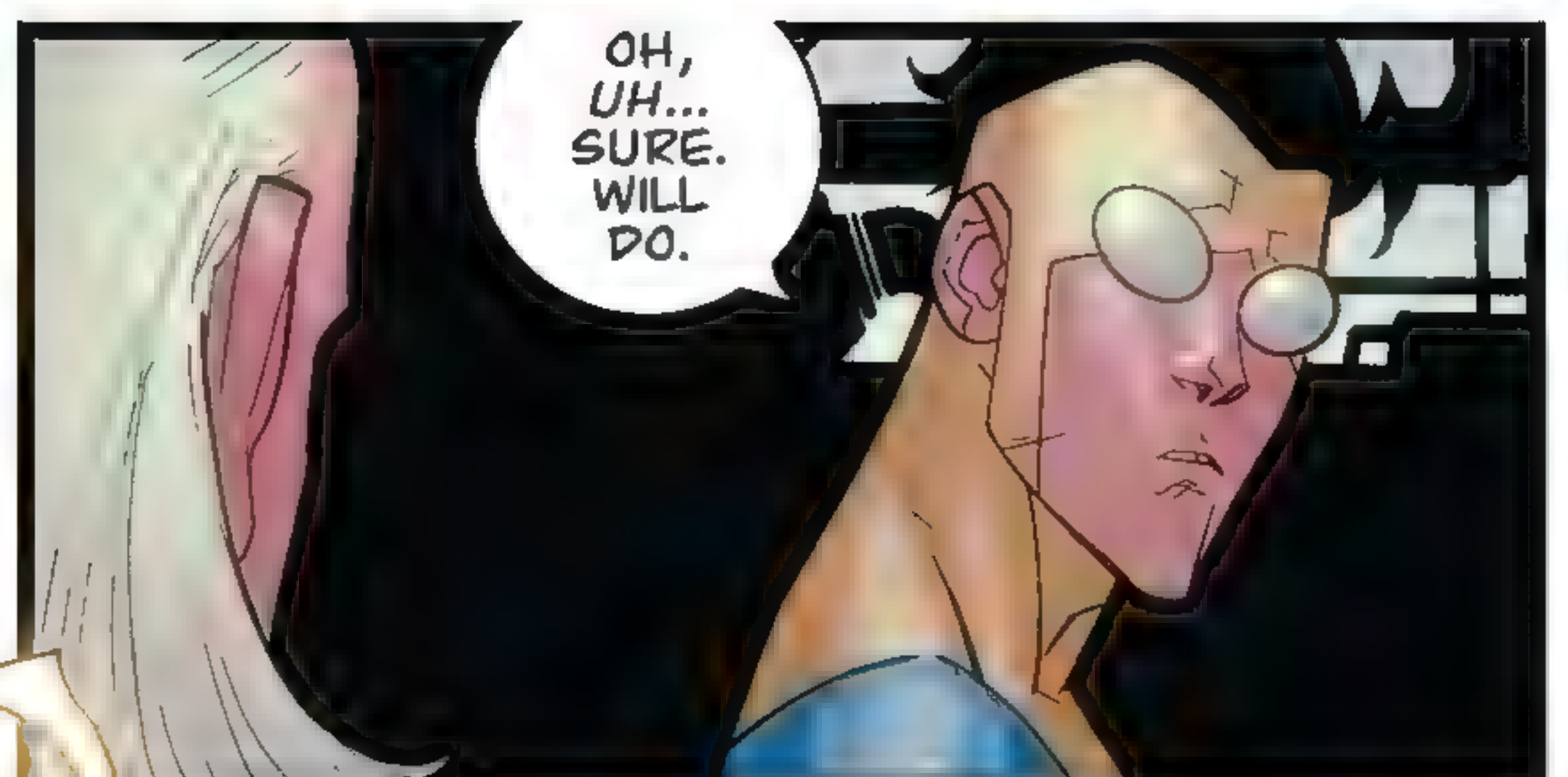
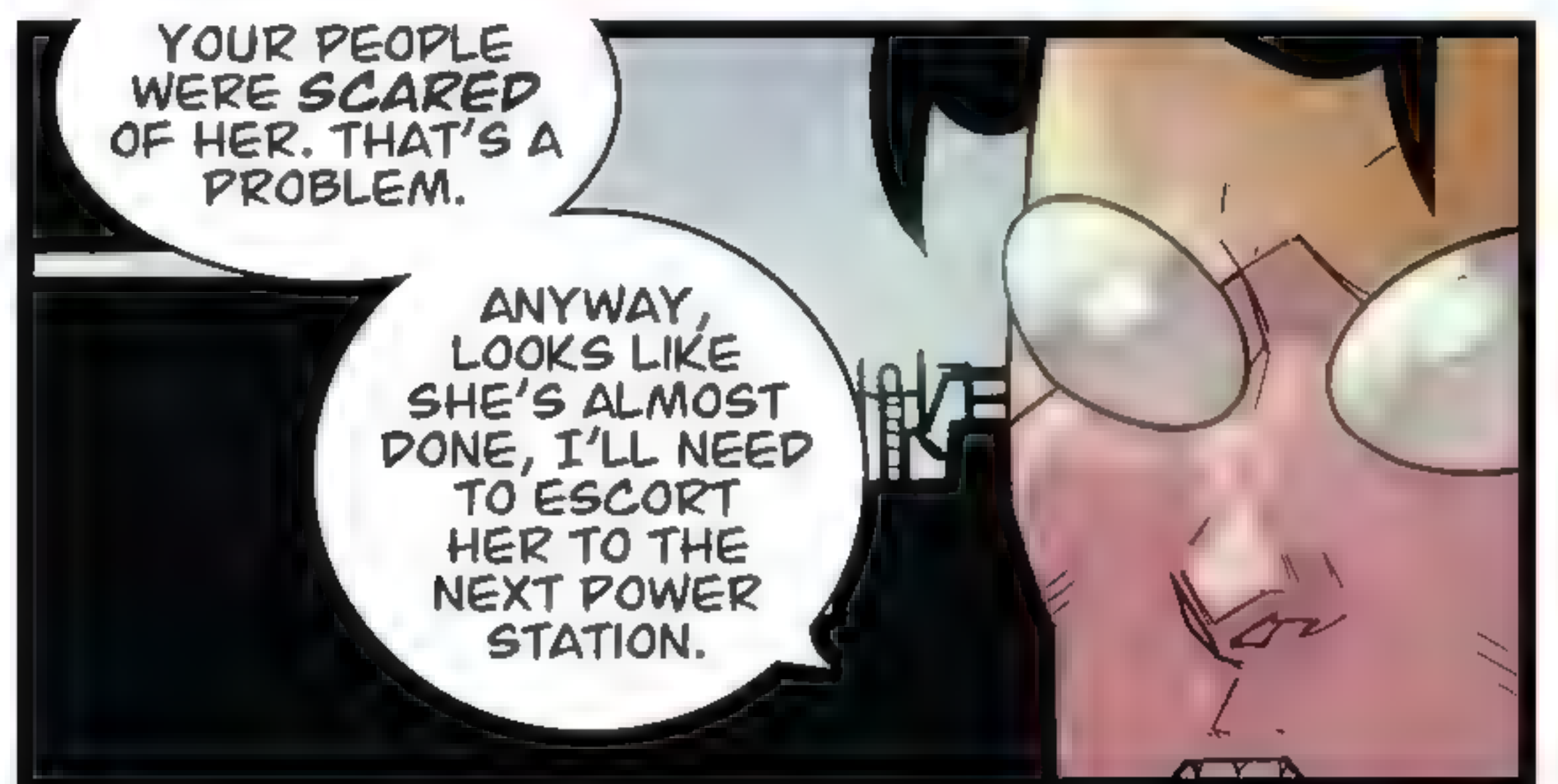
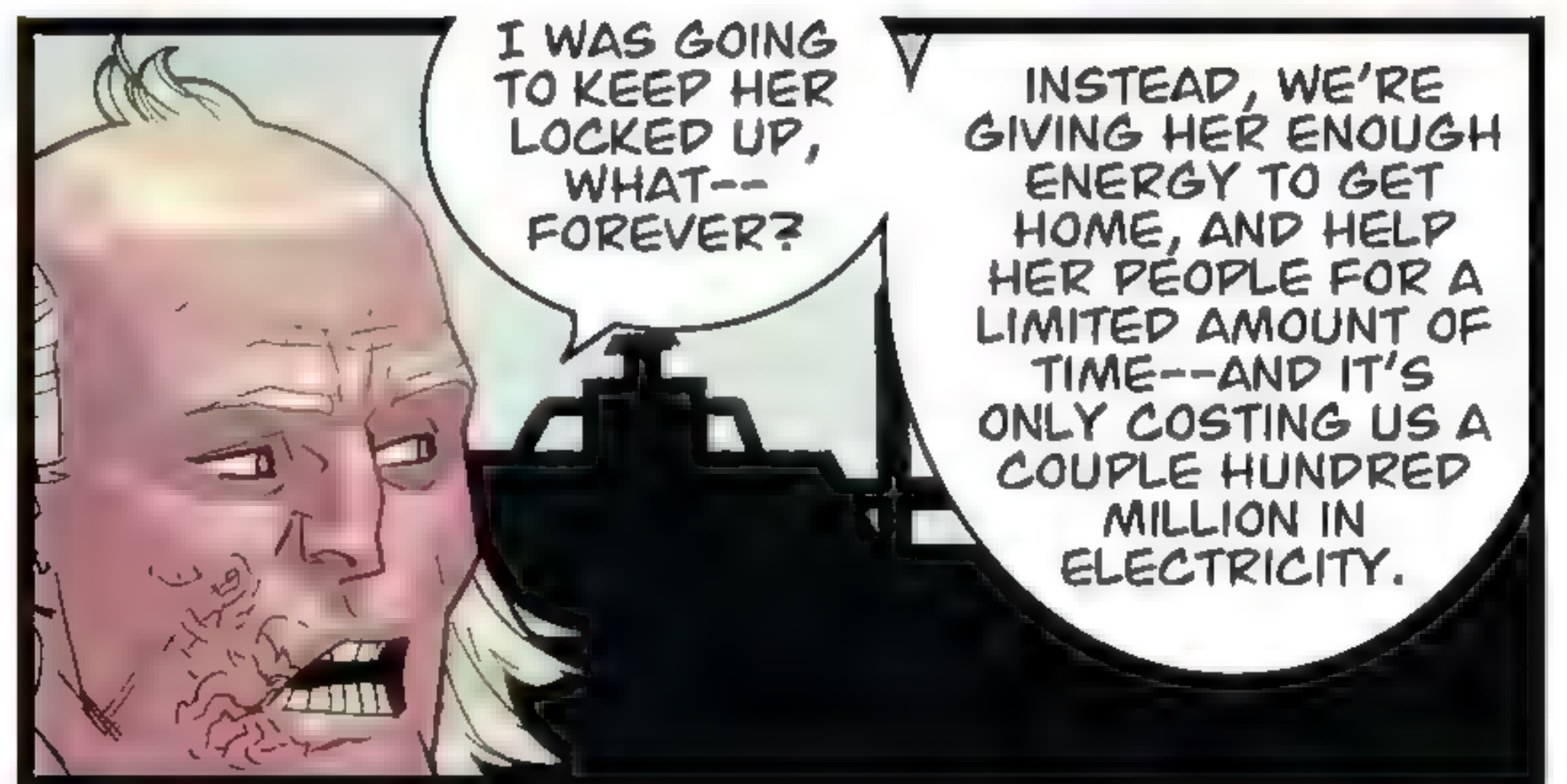


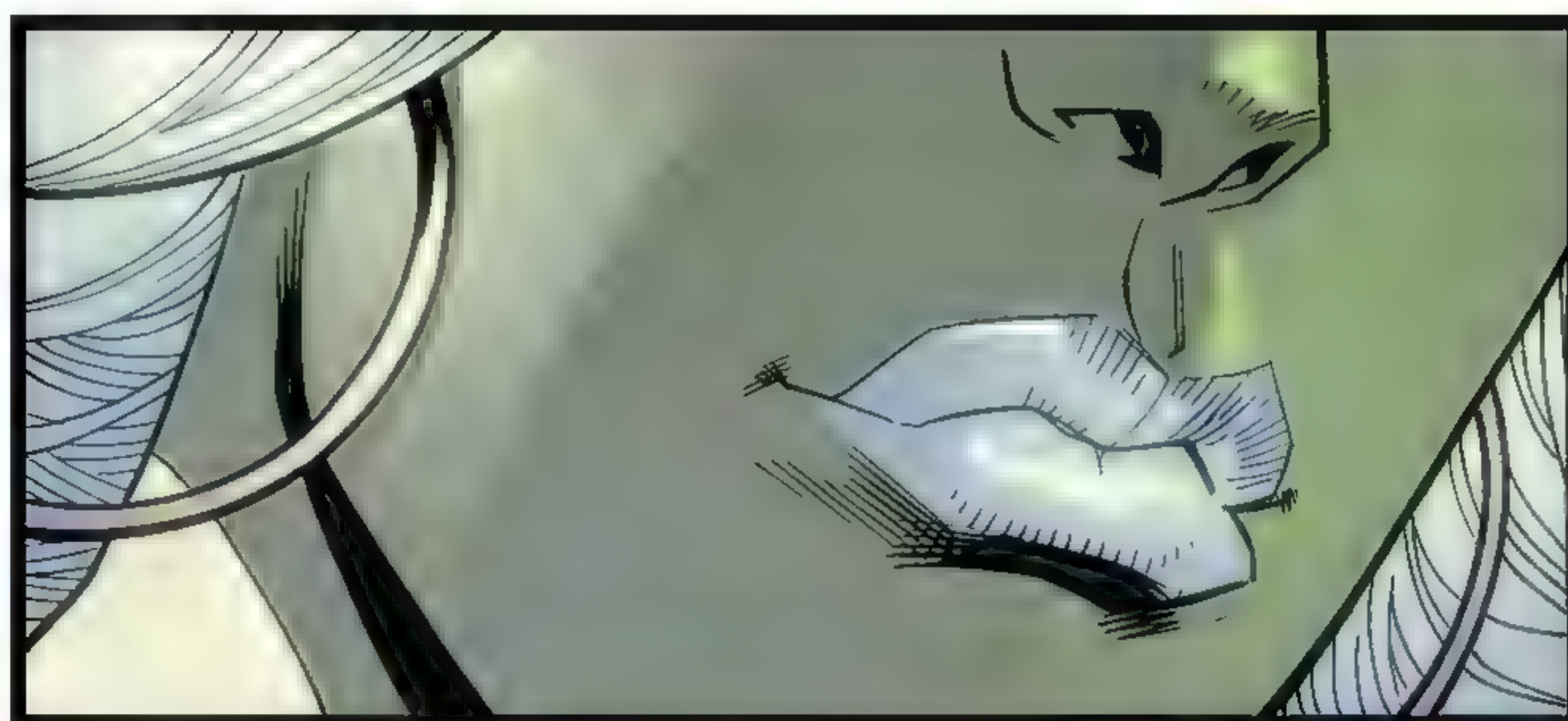
LET ME BE **CLEAR**. IF I COULD GET YOU SET FREE, AND ALSO SOMEHOW HELP YOU-- SO THAT YOU COULD GO BACK TO YOUR HOME WORLD...

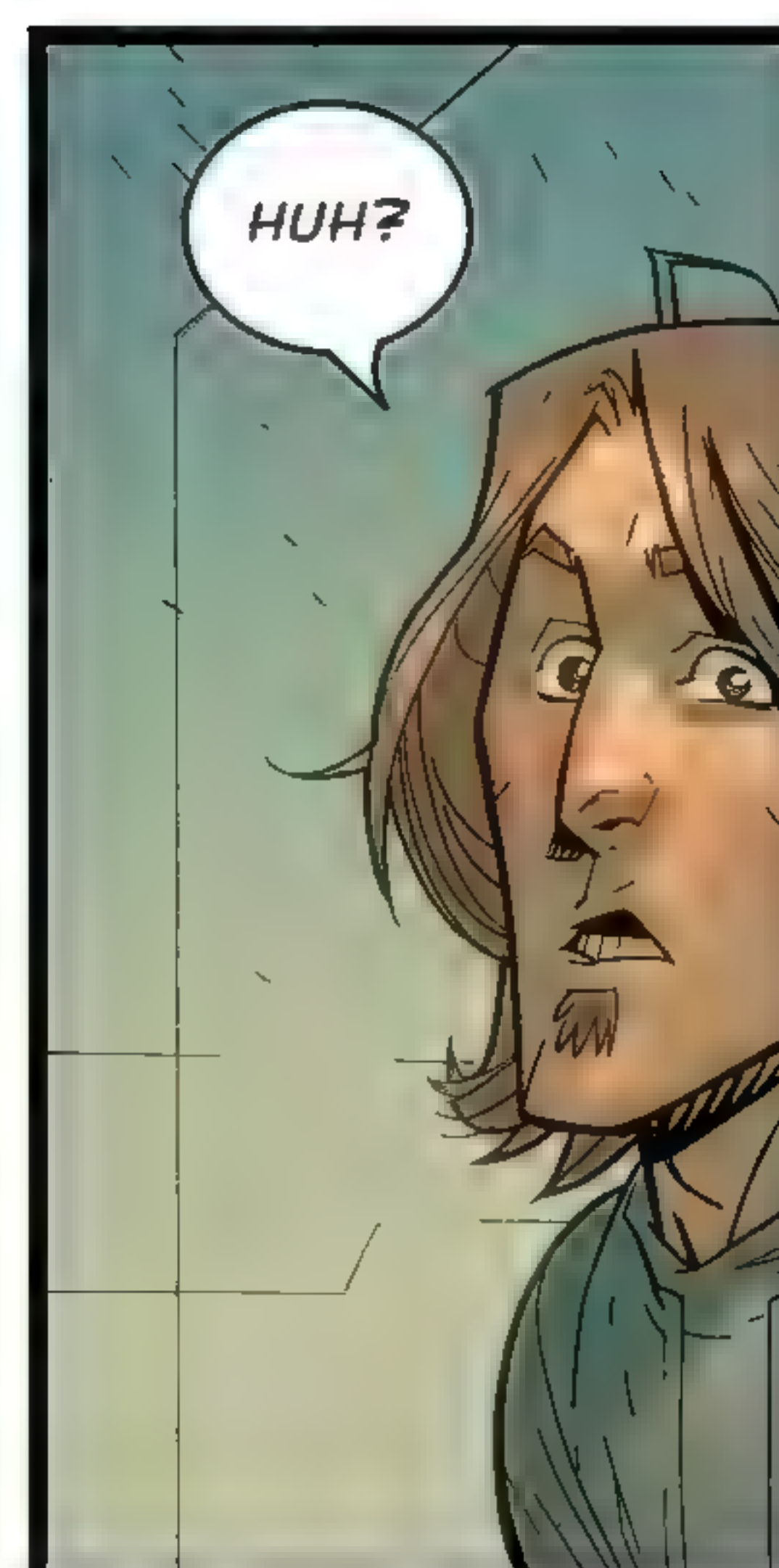
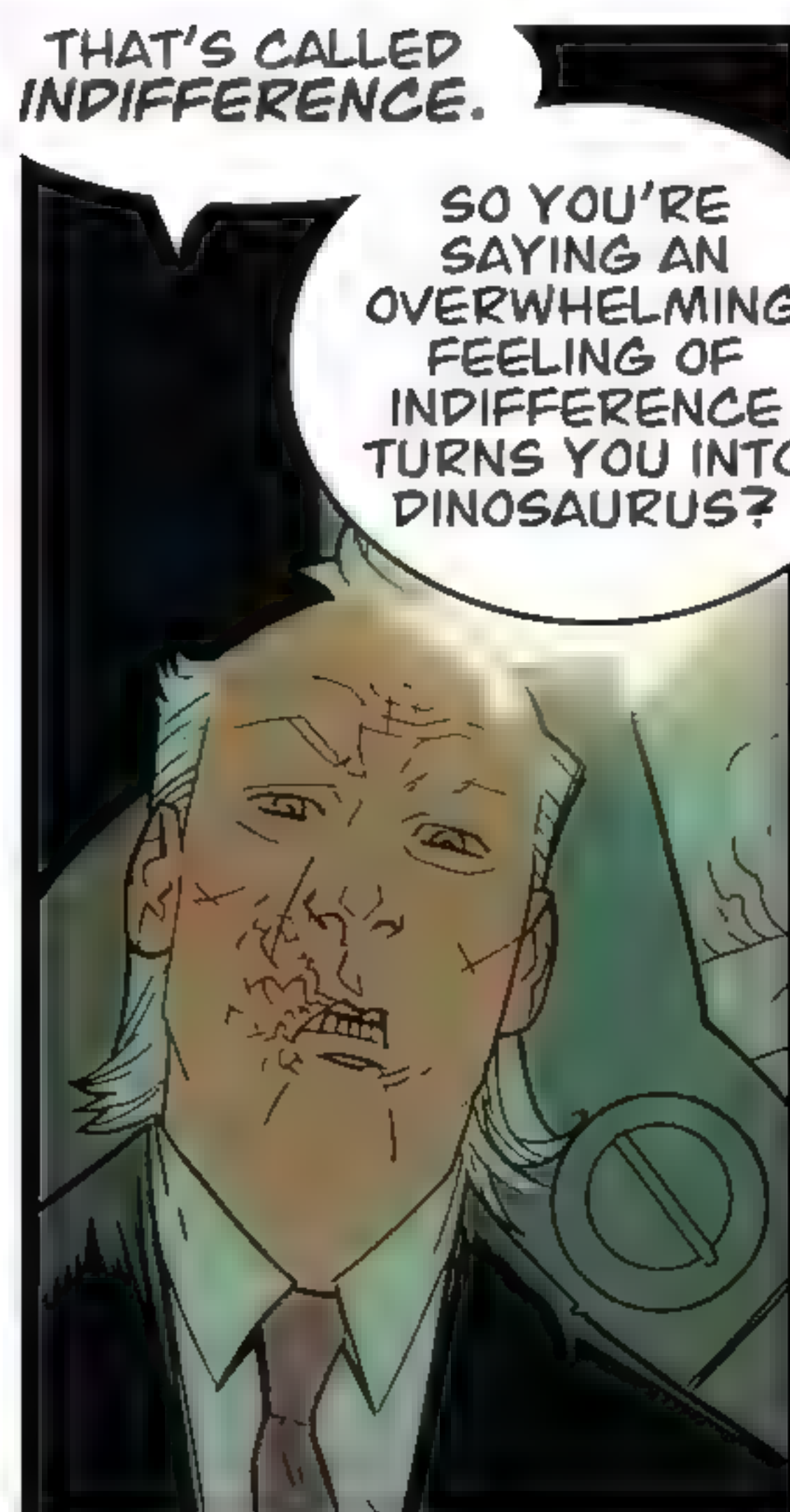
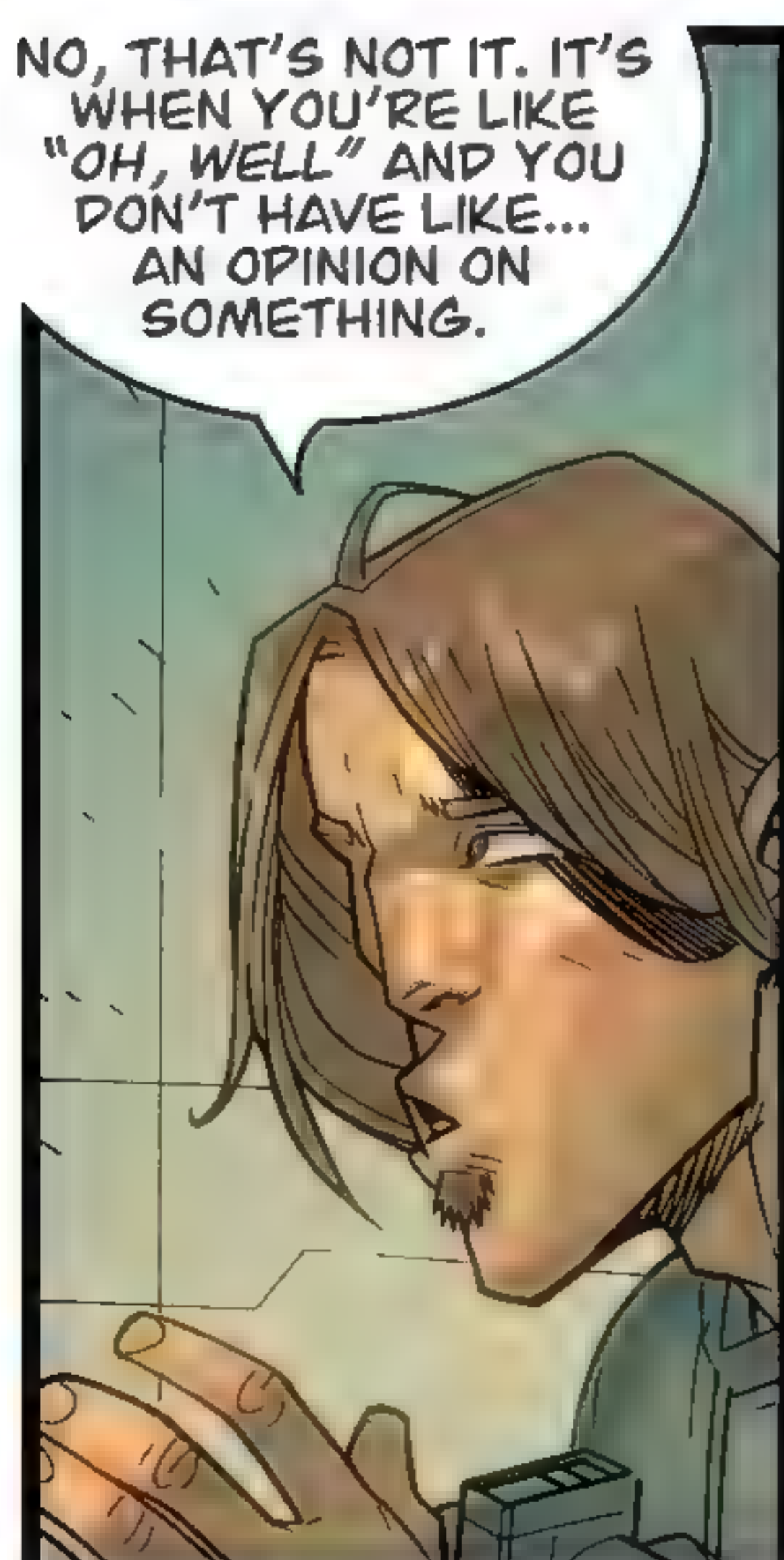
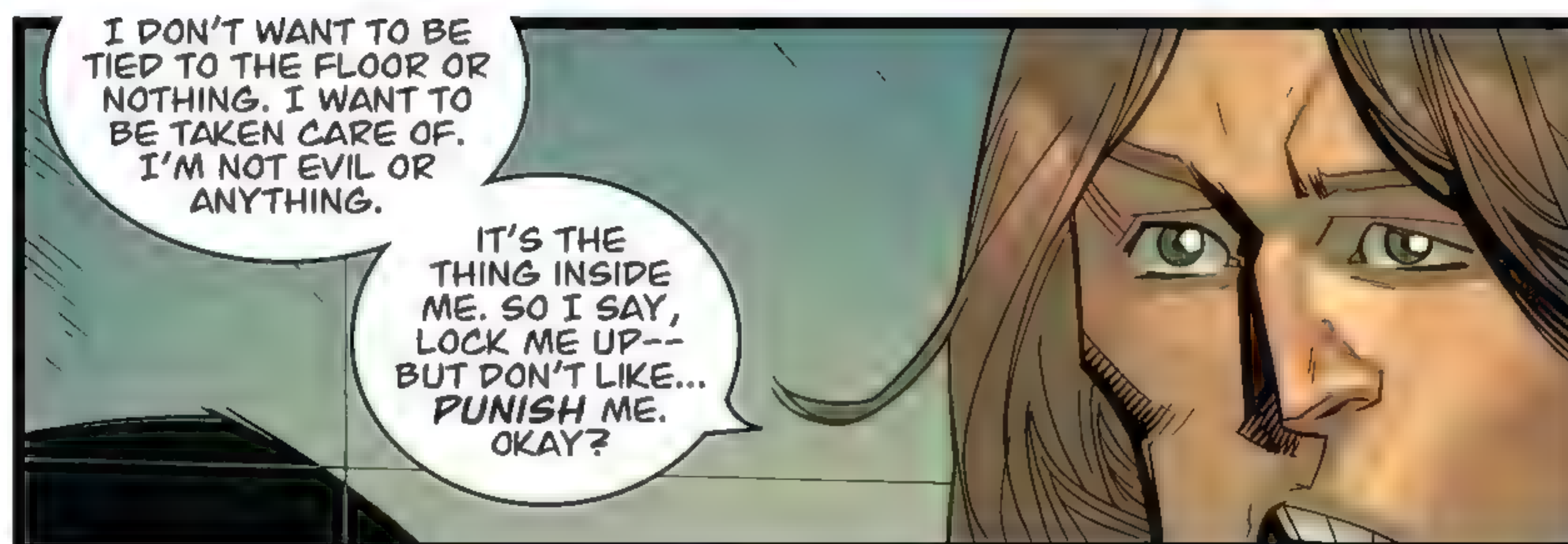
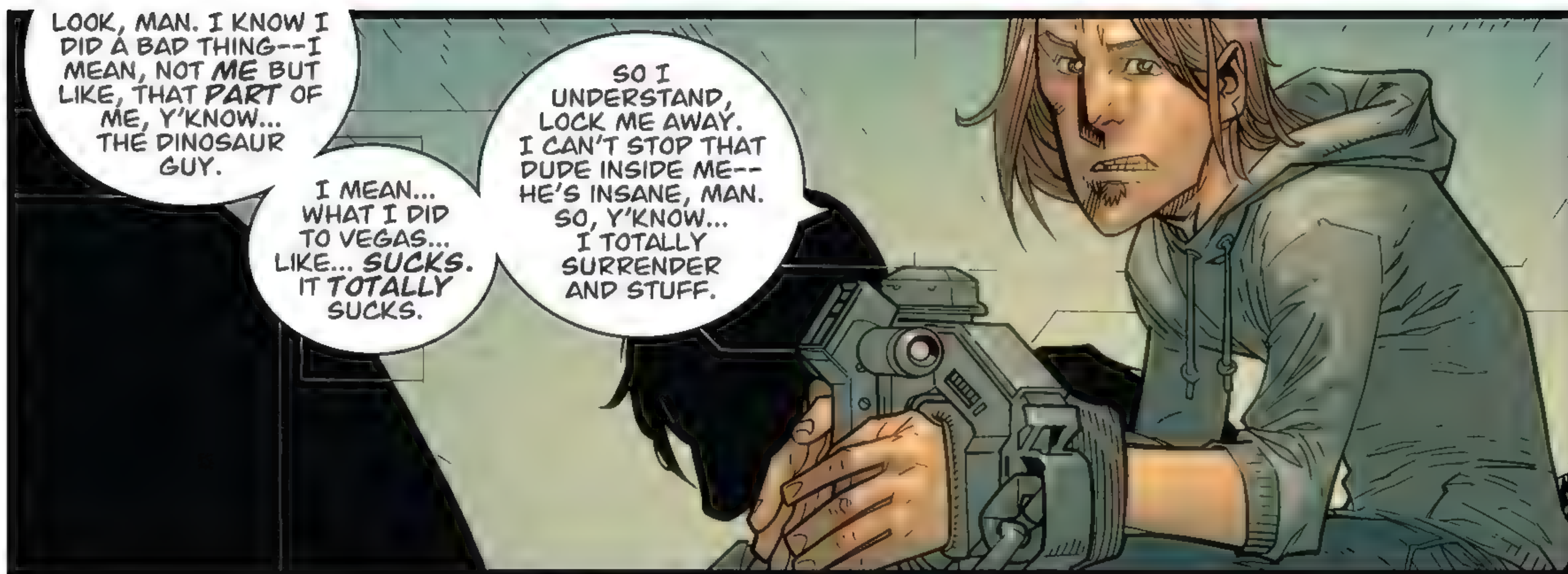
WOULD YOU **COOPERATE** WITH ME, WITHOUT FIGHTING ME OR TRYING TO KILL ME... OR ANYONE ON THIS PLANET?



YES.







THE GUARDIANS OF THE
GLOBE CENTRAL BASE, UTAH.

I ACCEPTED, OF COURSE.
IT REALLY IS A GOOD IDEA.
IT'S DEFINITELY HOW I'D
BE MOST USEFUL. IT'S
REALLY A GLORIFIED
DISPATCHER, BUT MY
DRONES COULD BE
ASSISTING IN
BATTLE AS
WELL.

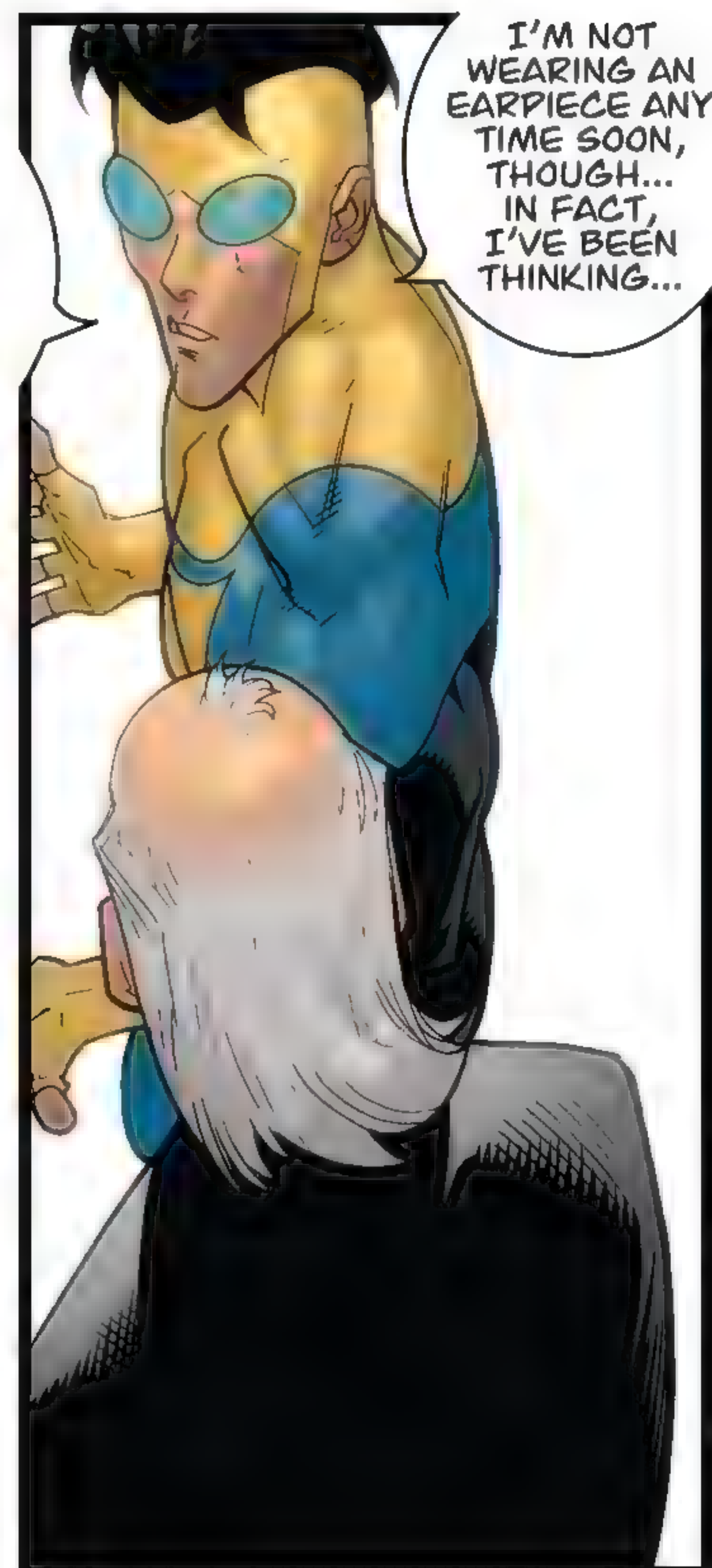
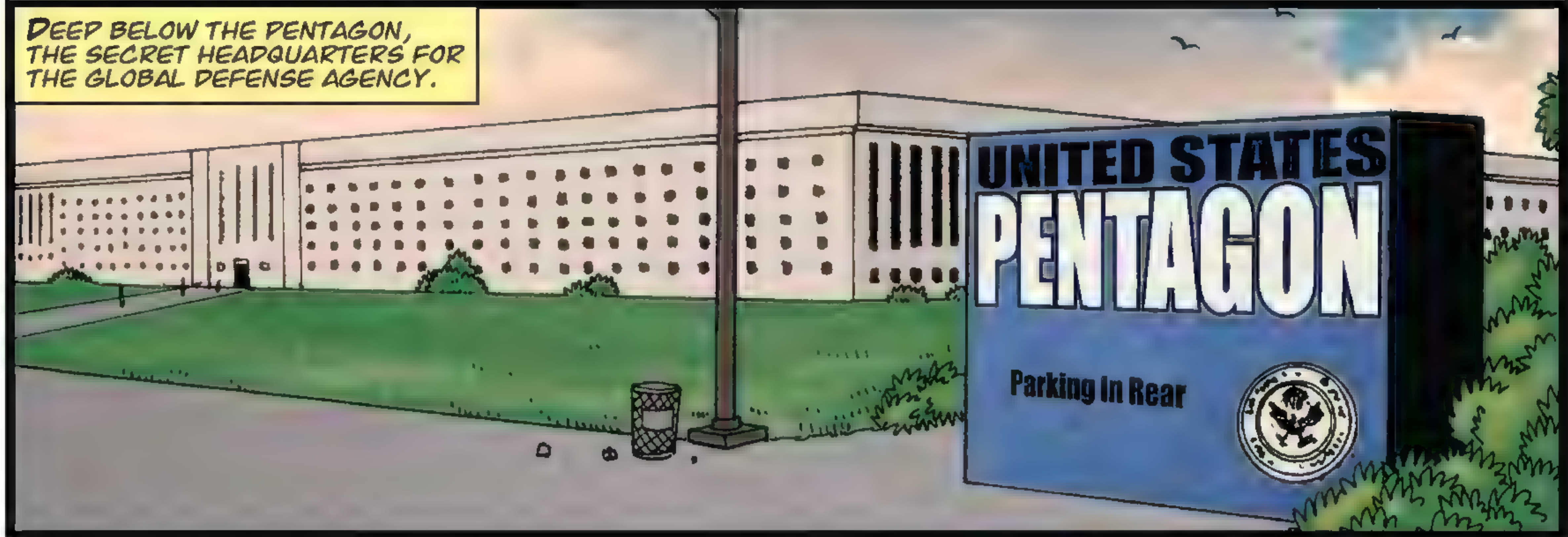
I THINK IT
WILL GIVE ME
PURPOSE.

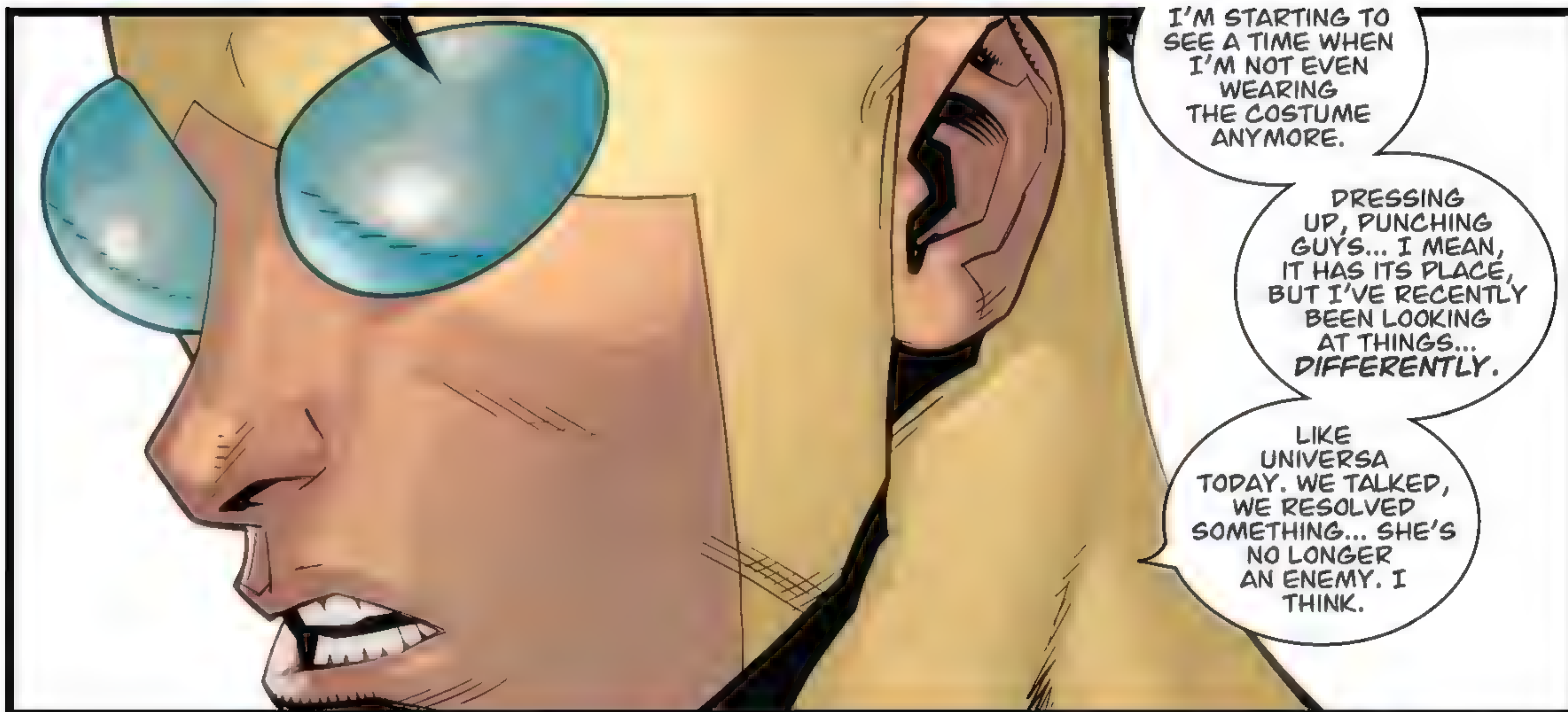
SOMETHING
I REALLY MISSED
WHEN WE WERE
RULING
THE FLAXAN
EMPIRE.

ARE YOU...
ADJUSTING
WELL?

EVERYTHING
IS SO...
DIFFERENT
NOW...

YEAH.





I'M STARTING TO SEE A TIME WHEN I'M NOT EVEN WEARING THE COSTUME ANYMORE.

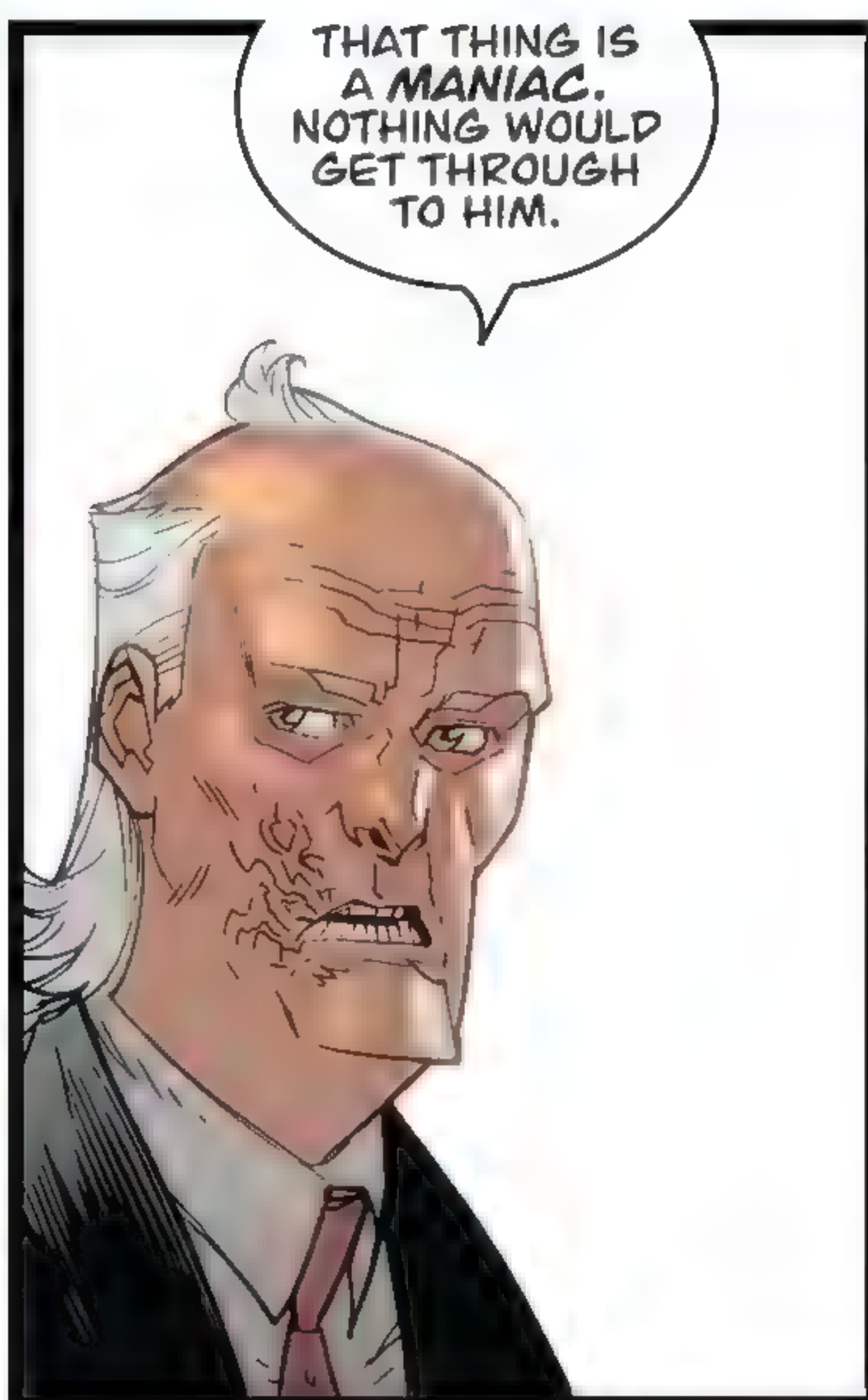
DRESSING UP, PUNCHING GUYS... I MEAN, IT HAS ITS PLACE, BUT I'VE RECENTLY BEEN LOOKING AT THINGS... DIFFERENTLY.

LIKE UNIVERSA TODAY. WE TALKED, WE RESOLVED SOMETHING... SHE'S NO LONGER AN ENEMY. I THINK.



THAT SEEMS SO MUCH SMARTER THAN... FIGHTING.

MAYBE IF I'D TRIED A DIFFERENT APPROACH WITH DINOSAURUS...



THAT THING IS A MANIAC. NOTHING WOULD GET THROUGH TO HIM.



HOW CAN YOU BE SO CERTAIN? EVERYONE WANTS SOMETHING... AND THESE GUYS ARE JUST TRYING TO GET IT.

I DON'T AGREE WITH HIS METHODS, BUT FROM WHAT HE SAYS, DINOSAURUS THINKS HE'S ACTUALLY **HELPING** HUMANITY.

I THINK THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING TO THAT...



THAT'S AN ARGUMENT FOR ANOTHER TIME, THEN.

SO, TO WRAP UP... I CAN COUNT ON YOU IF I NEED YOU?



OF COURSE... YES.



GOOD. NOW THAT WE'RE ON SPEAKING TERMS AGAIN, I FIGURE IT'S BEST TO JUST TELL YOU THINGS UP FRONT THAT I FEEL MIGHT UPSET YOU.

DON'T BE ALARMED, BUT...



THERE
ARE THINGS
I'VE BEEN
KEEPING
FROM
YOU...

WRITE US @

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What it is, Invincibles!

By the time you read this, we'll be rocking and rolling on issue 83, getting that at the printer, so you don't have to wait a single minute for it (well, you have to wait a month... but not a minute longer!). Cory Walker's pages on 85 and 86 look amazing, by the way. Be jealous that we get to see them before you.

Yes, (this is Robert in italics) we are making an active effort to get this series back on schedule before the end of the year, so hold onto your hats... you'll soon have more Invincible than you can handle! And we'll be at the monumental issue 100 before long!

Dear Kirkman,

Okay, so 'Vince #80? I didn't buy it for a minute! Well, maybe a minute or So, but--! Between Gravitator, a coming out and some Dyno-Man blowing up Las Vegas into glass??? I just didn't buy that ending. I should add that the cover really rocked it, for what that's worth. Not to belabor the point or anything, but, "MMMMMM"? As a sound effect for citywide devastation? Lrk.

Andrew J. Shaw

The ending was certainly a shock, and it's hard to believe that Las Vegas could truly be gone, but these issues prove that it's gone for good.

As for the sound effect, I thought it was interesting!

Write in with your own sound effects, Andrew! Please!

Just read issue 80, and i loved it! Not that the war wasn't awesome but its nice to have the humor and color back in invincible. really looking forward to further issues and hopefully the follow up from the war is better than the war itself!

Daniel Johnson

Robert will be using these sleeping Viltrumites soon enough. Don't you worry.

Shhh, don't give things away, Sina!

Dear PENvinciPALS!

INVINCIBLE is indeed one of my top ten favorite comics and, in this market of incredibly poor writing in comics by Marvel and DC, is also one of the only ten comics I am still buying each month.

What are the other nine? Walking Dead, Super Dinosaur, Infinite, Witch Doctor, what else?

So here I am, probably your most militant gay fan totally grooving on William & Rick finally being shown all out and proud. Thank you. You don't know how nice it was to see that. The characterization between Mark and William and Rick in that scene was great and I can just feel Eve's angst when she and Mark interact.

That's what keeps me coming back; characters that keep developing depth and the excellent interaction between them. Same with WALKING DEAD and your other books.

And also thank you for the commentary about the lack of integrity of the "big two" when it comes to presenting comics to the public in ways that accentuate their need to make a profit over the art of it. I think it can be balanced and I think Image is doing it well. Starting everything over with # 1s, endless boring maxi-series, ploys like breaking Bat Man's back or "killing" Superman when you know such major players won't stay dead, it's all just too transparent. That's why they are losing me and you aren't.

Well, it's good that you don't see Rex Splode's imminent return from the grave coming a mile away.

Anyhow, William & Rick interacting with Mark really put a smile on my face.

- Mike Phillips
San Francisco

Wait 'til you see William and Rick interacting with gay bashers, haters, and

bullies in their "IT GETS BETTER CAMPAIGN."

Oh man, I was kind of kidding, but that would be an aces idea!

Don't quit your day job, Sina!

Dear Kirkman and crew,

Gotta admit you guys do a great job advancing Invincible every week. I loved the issue this month, but I wonder is Dinosaurus really that strong? I mean Invincible just fought and beat Conquest, we know how powerful he is, and saw him lifting the specialized bench press what was it-400 tons or something ridiculous? (Awesome) And this Dinosaurus hands him his butt? That was hard for me, but the leveling of Las Vegas? It is great to see you guys take chances and do things that will have a greater effect on the world Invincible lives in. But thinking of more recent issues like 78 and the Viltrumites now living on Earth, it brought to mind the reproductive processes of the race and why they have not grown dramatically on their own, with their technology and strength they have the security to repopulate. So I came up with a speculation: What if the reproductive processes for Viltrumites were reversed? What if the men only release one super-sperm during mating and the women released thousands of eggs and only one gets fertilized? Now these women were planning on mating with humans to rebuild the Viltrumite empire and they encounter the millions of sperm that human males release and are now impregnated with thousands of Viltrumite hatchlings? How would that story progress? Could be interesting to see how that goes especially since the women are as vicious as the men and probably have to be won by conquest (literally) and no earth man can actually match them. I can't wait until you begin to do something with that subplot. You have great pacing by the way. I LOVE THIS COMIC.

Marius James
Charlotte, NC

WTF Robert you handle.

Do we use the letter F in this letters column?! Maybe try WTH?!

(And with that, my attempt at ending every comment with an exclamation point! ends!)

To answer as succinctly as possible: yes Dinosaurus is VERY strong. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been able to fight Mark. How is he that strong? How strong is he? Well, you'll have to keep reading.

And I'm just going to act like that whole Viltrumite Reproduction argument never took place. Moving on!

Dear Robert, Ryan, and the rest of the Invincible team,

This is my first time ever writing into one of these letter page things, so I HAD to make sure it was to my favorite book.

I've heard of Invincible for a while now, but never looked into it for some strange reason, but I finally picked up the first Ultimate Collection around three months ago. It's since become one of my favorite books ever. The first 13 issues are one of the best things I've ever experienced in the realm of media. I thought that there was no way that you guys would ever be able to top them. Then I got Volume 2 of the Ultimate Collection a week later. Then Vol. 3 a few days after that, and Vol. 4 the next week. Vols. 5 and 6 came shortly after. Luckily the wait wasn't that bad for Vol. 6, I had it on ordered like the day before it came out.

When the Viltrumite War TPB came out, believe me, I was as ready to read it as someone who's been on this book since day one. I was that emotionally invested in the characters after the three short months I've been reading. I was torn on whether to wait for the next Ultimate Hardcover to add to my growing collection, or to just say screw it and get the paperback. That decision was made in about a second and a half. Got it in the mail a few days later, and read the entire thing straight through. It really is the highlight of the whole series in my opinion. The most ridiculous moment since the end of issue #7, Mark being utterly OWNED by Conquest, was only made even more epic by the theme from Requiem for a Dream playing on youtube in the background.

Now that I'm all caught up, I'm starting to buy the monthly issues, with #79 being the first. #80 got here in the mail today and WOW. Poor Las Vegas. Dinosaurus made damn sure nothing was left didn't he? On top of that, we had the departure of Nolan and Debbie at the beginning. They really didn't waste any time leaving, did they? Regardless, I'm glad to see them together, and one of my

favorite parts of the Viltrumite War was the part with Nolan and Debbie.

Ryan Ottley’s artwork is literally godly. He, in my opinion, is the greatest artist in comics, behind only David Finch. The only thing that’s really bothered me lately is the new colorist. When is FCO coming back?

Nikos made a great contribution to the book, but FCO will be returning with Cory Walker’s stint in issue 85.

And until then we’ve got John Rauch, who colored this very issue, on tap for colors!

I could go on complimenting this book for hours, but at that point I think this letter would become more of a blog post. So I’ll just wrap up my letter here with a big THANK YOU AND KEEP UP THE FANTASTIC WORK and a few random questions :

What, in your mind, is the theme song for Invincible? (The book and Mark as well)

Some Fleet Foxes song :-P

Peaches by The Presidents of the United States of America.

Any chance of Immortal getting back into superheroics anytime soon?

There’s always a chance.

You never know...

Will the Invincible Compendium be in color?

Count on it! And buy it!

Oh, and I have an ingenious idea for a sketch for Ryan to do, but how do I convince him?!

Sincerely,
Keenan

For a Ryan Ottley sketch, go up to him at a convention, hand him however much money he’s asking, and see if he says no. He likes a good challenge, so unless it’s perverted, he’s probably down.

Come on guys? The issue #80 letters page had me gagging it was so full of ass-kissing. Not one single complaint? Even with the controversial ending to the War? and the delays? TWD is like 5 issues ahead now! How did that happen? That said I really enjoyed #80... Dinosaurus has gone from lame to awesome in one click of a button. One question, where did all the rubble/debri go? Varporized? How does this effect the rest of the Image universe? Savage Dragon won’t be hitting casinos anytime soon? (Mind you he probs wouldnt anyway with what’s happened over in his book!) One last question. Now you’re back (in italics) why is Sina still cramping the letters page?

Yours alternatively - “Kingy”

I have a strange feeling Robert wrote this to A) get this book back on time B) have me tone down my comments, and C) compliment Savage Dragon.

Understood, Robert. Understood.

Thank you, Sina.

Kirkman and Co.,

How goes it, Penvincipals? Lots of cool stuff has been going on in this book of late, and it has been a while since I checked in... William turns out to be gay (SHOCKER!!!! Although in hindsight, not really), Eve has an abortion (that WAS a shocker, one which was presented very well last issue, by the way), Mark’s parents get back together (maybe), its nuts!!!! And now, to top it all off, Las Vegas (at least in the Kirkmaverse) has been transformed into a giant mirror in the middle of the Nevada desert!?!? Where will Mark go for his bachelor party now? Was Tom Jones there when the bombs went off??? NOOOO!!!!!!!!!!

Tom Jones got out alive. I made sure of it.

The cover featuring Dinosaurus is probably one of the best in the series to date, it made me want to run off and watch Jurassic Park almost immediately (“but that’s NOT...WHAT I’M GONNA DO!!!!”), plus it reminded me that I have two issues of Super Dinosaur to pick up... I will tackle that this Wednesday! The series is cool so far, but I still miss my Astounding Wolf-Man to be sure... I’m hoping my fiancée’s soon-to-be 8 yr. old will continue to like SD, as she read the first issue and loved it. That book may end up being the hook that gets her into comics... I will keep you posted, my fingers are crossed!!!

Heck yes!

The Gravitator scene was pretty interesting, if not seemingly RANDOM. Will we see him again soon? As I said, the whole encounter seemed a bit random to me, but knowing you all nothing is random, it only SEEMS random... at first.... and I’m not COMPLETELY sold on his story... but maybe I’m just naturally skeptical.

Addressed!

The comic book store scenes are always a gem to behold in this book (one can tell you have some insight there), but this month’s visit really hit home... I take it the news of a certain company’s reboot (which “isn’t a reboot”, according to them) threw you for a loop as well, then? The whole thing reeks of desperation to me, and to be perfectly honest, I think it’s a very bold move that may end up back firing in a big way (despite the best of intentions). If readership is down, I can certainly understand trying to bring in new readers with fresh and exciting ideas for your books... However, is shaking up what keeps the CURRENT readers coming back month after month the best way to go about that? Continuity is one of the best things about reading and collecting comics (to me) so I guess I’m a little dumbfounded as to why the Douche Clowns in charge think this is a good idea (and maybe it is?). I guess only time will tell... Any further thoughts on that?

Buhh.. Robert?

Actually, that comment was really written mostly in response to Marvel rebooting Thor and Captain America because of the movies. The DC relaunch hadn’t been announced when that issue was off to the printer. It was just an awesome coincidence.

I think some of the DC relaunch books are looking pretty cool actually, and I’m really excited about the Wildstorm Characters coming back and being integrated into the DC Universe. I don’t know how this big crazy idea is going to work out, but I know I’ll be buying more DC books come September... at least at first.

I hope y’all had a great Fourth of July!!!! See you again next month of course, I’m looking forward to seeing the aftermath of Vegas’ pwnag3 (that was for you Sina, more destruction of the English language) and how the fallout affects Mark. Until then, I will be mourning the loss of Tom Jones and all of the Elvis impersonators who perished in the blast... At least it was quick.

Tx 4 dstryng English. USA FTW.

Cheers!

Cam Stylez

P.S. I’m not sure if it was your intent or not, but your recent standing up for the rights of both gays and women within the last few issues deserves some serious kudos... I am neither gay nor am I a lady, but it made me smile to see one of my favorite creators use his medium to take a stand for the overall Freedom of Choice (whether it comes to sexuality or a woman’s body)... Very well done. Enjoy Comic-con!!!

Man, I’m so mad you’re not a gay woman. Changes every pre-conceived notion I had of you. When are you visiting us at a con!?

Man, I really don’t want to come off like I’m trying to preach or anything. I’m trying to do a fun comic and I’m trying to accurately represent the real world (to a certain extent) in a real comic. I think if you still need someone to tell you gays and women are okay... you’re an asshole.

Hey guys. Long time reader, love the book-- Ottley and Plascensia always blow me away on a semi-monthly basis. Kirkman, your plotlines are pretty good too ;). Anyway, never really felt the need to write in ‘til now, but something from Invincible #80 bugged the heck out of me.

Apparently Invincible’s hair is invincible as well, as it can withstand a thermal explosion powerful enough to turn every form of matter in Las Vegas into a lake of glass. Just how strong IS Viltrumite hair? How is it that Invincible’s hair can come out the other side of an explosion that destructive totally unsinged?... Leading to a far more important question: how in the crap does he cut it?? Is there some sort of Viltrumite razor that is somehow stronger than an atomic blast? Does Nolan carry one on these on his person at all times, as it is clear that both his and Invincible’s beards can be effortlessly shaven? If there is a way to remove Viltrumite hair so it can be harvested and woven into a super-tough fabric that can still be lush and flawless even after being blown up by a city-obliterating bomb, unlike Mark’s current suit? These are questions that need answering, my friends-- because at the moment it just looks like you guys just got lazy and wanted Mark to withstand a mega-powerful blast without making him bald and eyebrow-less for the next few issues.

Otherwise, great stuff, guys! This is the only comic I buy on a regular basis.

Always a fan,
Sean

Robert?

These aren’t the droids you’re looking for...

That’s all I have for this issue. We’re working hard to wrap up issue 83, and by the time you read this, Ryan will already have a chunk of 84 done... on-time by the end of the year or I’m fired!

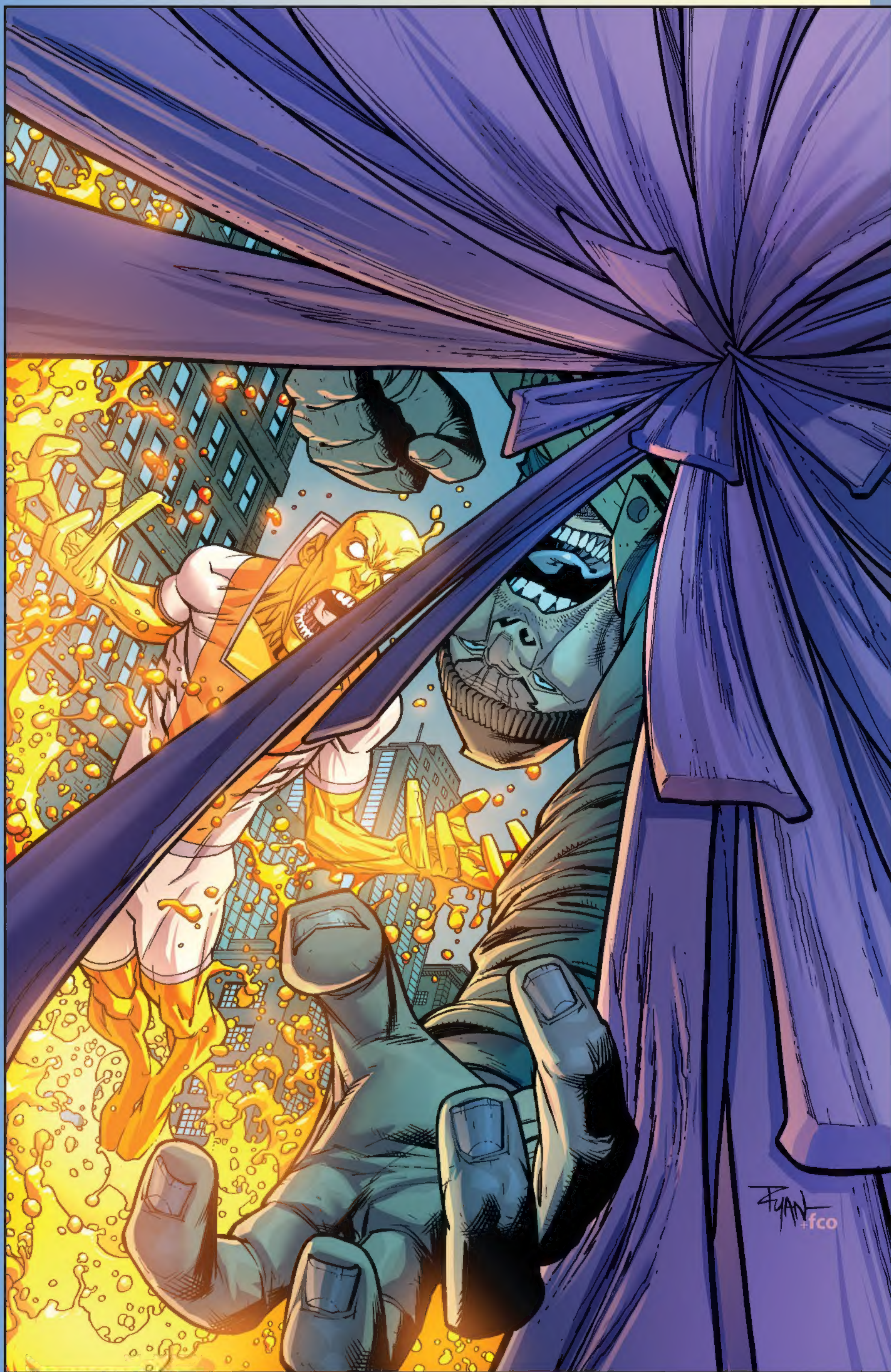
It was nice working with you,

Sina Grace

On time or you're fired... I like the sound of that...

-Robert Kirkman

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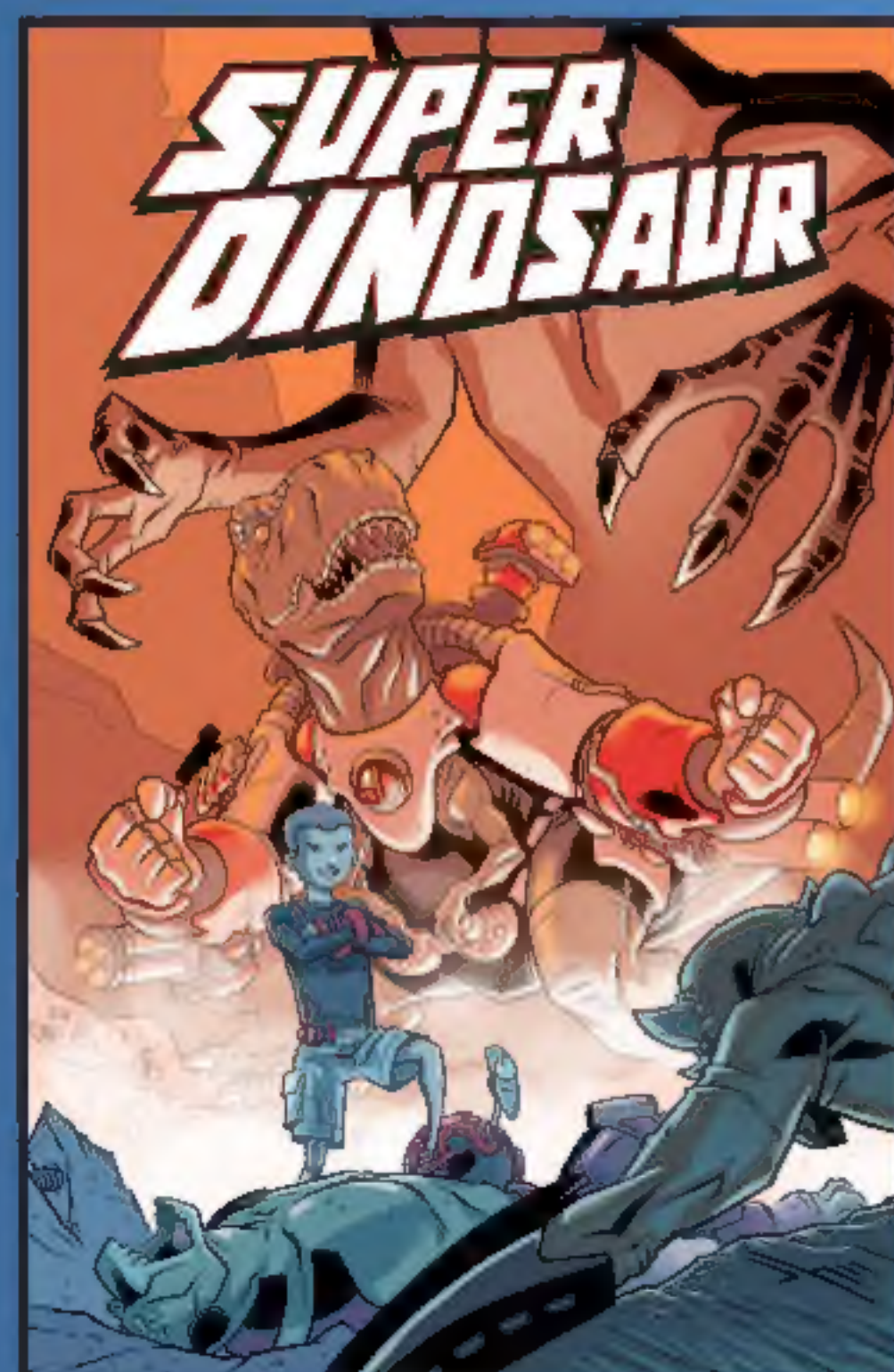
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A polarizing figure on the comics scene since he made his late '80s debut, Rob Liefeld made history in the '90s, first launching the best-selling X-Force and then co-founding Image Comics. Making his name as an artist on *New Mutants*, it's as a creator that he really hit his stride, unleashing a seemingly endless barrage of characters and concepts that continues to this day. From *Deadpool* and *Cable* to *Youngblood* and *Supreme*, Liefeld has proved himself to be a nearly unstoppable creative force.

Now, in addition to reintroducing fans to '90s bad girl *AVENGELYNE*, he's teaming up with none other than Robert Kirkman for what may be his coolest creation yet: *THE INFINITE*!

What are you working on right now?
THE INFINITE with Robert Kirkman, Hawk and Dove with Sterling Gates for DC and *AVENGELYNE* with a pair of great young talents Mark Poulton and Owen Gieni.

What's the best part of your job?
Storytelling. Watching the story go from script to pencils to inks to color to print. That never gets old and it's always magic.

What's the worst part of your job?
Constant deadlines. But I signed up for all this work, so I'm responsible for keeping all the pages flowing.

How did you first discover comics?

Barber shop. My barber had about 30 *Fantastic Four* comics. I was crazy for them. He let me trade them out for *Richie Rich* and *Casper* comics.

If you weren't working in comics, what would you be doing?

Sports Radio.

What are you most likely to complain to an editor about?

Bad printing... if the book prints too dark.

Who is the biggest influence on your work?

A combination of everyone from my youth: Kirby, Byrne, Perez, Art Adams, Steranko, Barry Smith... all different reasons.

What is the single work of which you're most proud?

YOUNGBLOOD #4-10 is a period where I was firing on all cylinders. Everything was working great. I'm always proud of that period. *THE INFINITE* is shaping up after the first 4 issues to be work I'm very proud of.

Own up to one of your guilty pleasures.

'70s TV. *Bionic Woman*, *Six Million Dollar*

Man, *Charlie's Angels*, *Wonder Woman*, *SWAT*... all box sets in my possession, so I can relive my youth at the flip of a switch.

What was the last comic book you bought?

Flashpoint and *THE WALKING DEAD* VOL 14.

Who would play you in a movie about your life?

Mark Wahlberg, Matt Damon or Chris Pine. Pick one...

Pick three things you couldn't live without.

Frappachino's, chicken nachos and my wife and kids!!

What's the strangest thing you have in your house?

The 8-foot tall mold that was used for the *Badrock* costume in the '90s.

When was the last time you laughed out loud?

Bridesmaids when the girl had to crap in the sink and said, "it's coming out like LAVA!"

What music are you listening to these days?

A mix of my kids' pop music which includes Pit Bull, Ne-Yo, Jay-Z, Beyonce with my classic rock from the '60s, '70s and '80s, stuff like The Beatles, The Stones, The Eagles, James Taylor, mellow stuff.

What is your favorite film of all time?

Star Wars

Who is your best friend?

Too many to name. Blessed to have great support and great friendships.

What is the worst advice you've ever received?

Can't recall.

When was the last time you were truly frightened?

John Carpenter's original *Halloween*.

Name someone you really admire and explain why.

No one specific. I admire people who rise above adversity and are creative and tenacious in their approach to life in general.

What would you like to see happen in comics in the next 12 months?

I'd like to see comics reach a wider audience through whatever means possible.

What the world needs now is...

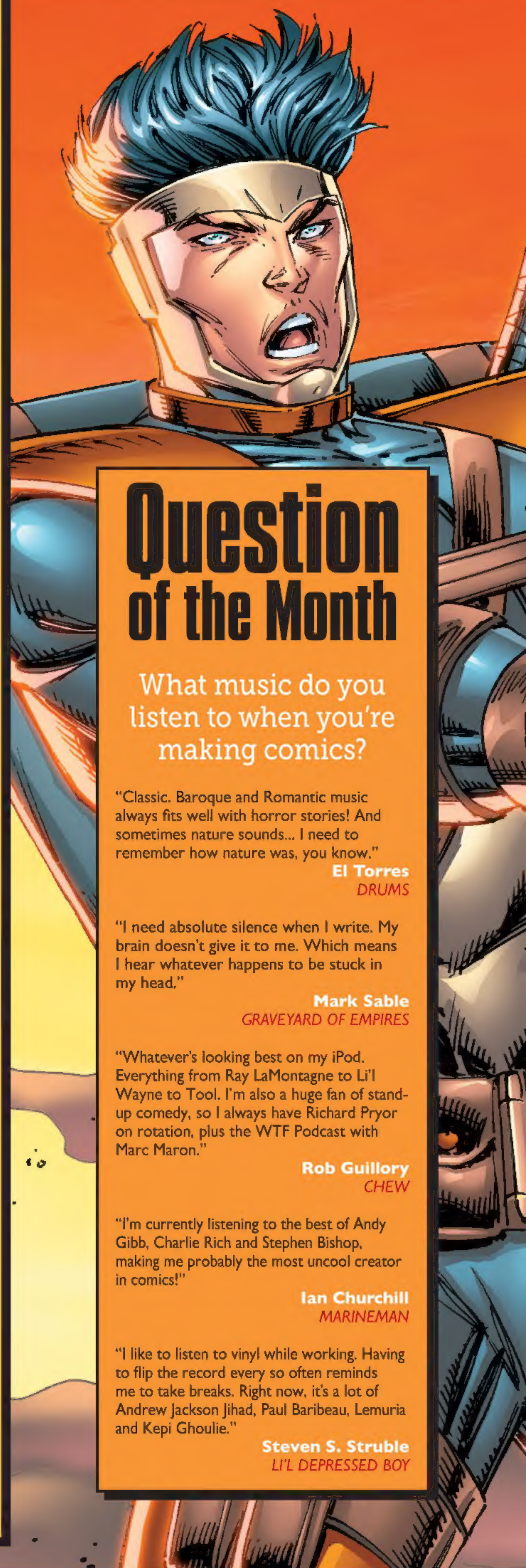
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Question of the Month

What music do you listen to when you're making comics?

"Classic. Baroque and Romantic music always fits well with horror stories! And sometimes nature sounds... I need to remember how nature was, you know."

El Torres
DRUMS

"I need absolute silence when I write. My brain doesn't give it to me. Which means I hear whatever happens to be stuck in my head."

Mark Sable
GRAVEYARD OF EMPIRES

"Whatever's looking best on my iPod. Everything from Ray LaMontagne to Li'l Wayne to Tool. I'm also a huge fan of stand-up comedy, so I always have Richard Pryor on rotation, plus the WTF Podcast with Marc Maron."

Rob Guillory
CHEW

"I'm currently listening to the best of Andy Gibb, Charlie Rich and Stephen Bishop, making me probably the most uncool creator in comics!"

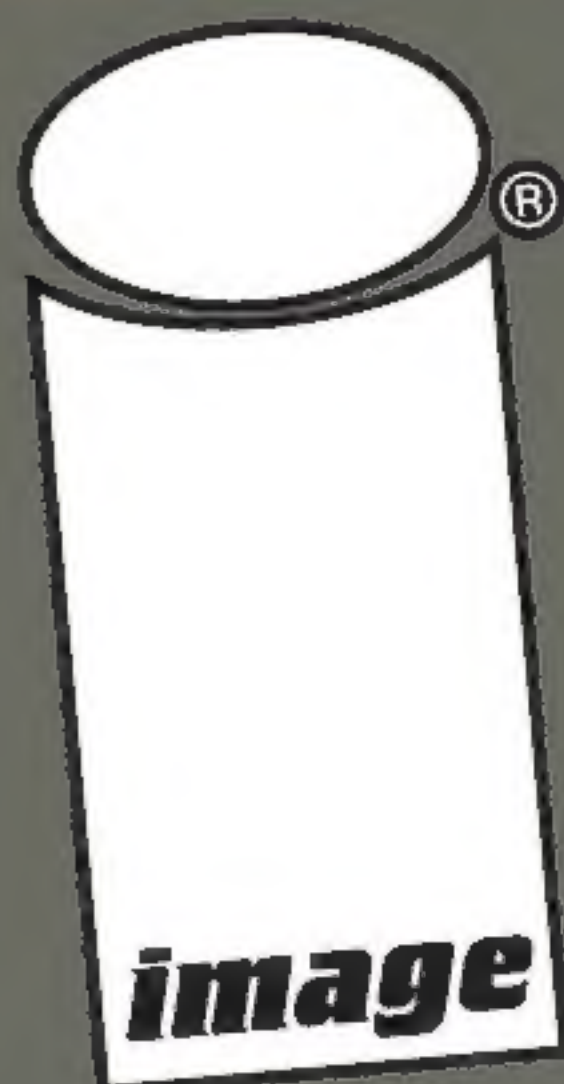
Ian Churchill
MARINEMAN

"I like to listen to vinyl while working. Having to flip the record every so often reminds me to take breaks. Right now, it's a lot of Andrew Jackson Jihad, Paul Baribeau, Lemuria and Kepi Ghoulie."

Steven S. Struble
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